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Page 225 Page 227 1 somebody was providing false or misleading

- 1 age?
- A. Well, mainly, mainly the issues of 2
- 3 discipline and some of the stuff, like one time I
- went and opened the back door, who the younger
- employees used to leave open all the tame. Ray
- 6 Cather used to leave the door open all the time.
- 7 Well, one day I come back from break, after I had
- left it open halfway, and the boss told me, don't
- ever leave that door open again.
- 10 And I'm like, come on, Ray here left it
- 11 open all the time around the clock, and you never
- 12 cared. And he was a younger employee. And me, as
- 13 an older employee, now for some reason he would not
- 14 allow me to do it. He says, no, you can't ever do
- 15 that again.
- 16 And that was near my termination time.
- Q. When was that? 17
- 18 That was in November sometime.
- 19 Q. Of what year?
- 20 2007. A.
- 21 Q. And who told you that?
- 22 A. Mark DeMien.
- 23 O. And how do you know that Mark DeMien said
- 24 that to you because it was your age, not because

- 2 information on their daily production log, that
- discipline would be warranted?
- 4 A. It --
- 5 MS. WEGNER: Object, calls for speculation.
- 6 Also form, foundation.
- BY MR. LINDEN:
- Q. You can go ahead and answer my question
- 10 now.

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- 11 Could you say it again? I didn't hear.
 - Sure.
- 13 MR. LINDEN: Could you read back the question,
- 14 please.
- 15 (WHEREUPON, the record was read
- 16 by the reporter.)
- 17 BY THE WITNESS:
- A. It depends on each case. 18
- 19 BY MR. LINDEN:
- 20 Q. Well, if you provided false information,
- 21 misrepresenting the status of work on a daily
- 22 production log, you would agree that the company
- 23 could probably discipline you for that?
- 24 Yes, they should at least make you aware

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- 1 of it and say, you can't do it this way anymore. 2
 - Q. And you would agree, by the time you were terminated, that the company had disciplined you on
 - a number of occasions about your paperwork, correct?
 - 5 A. I don't think so. I mean, I wasn't
 - perfect, I made some mistakes; but overall my
 - paperwork was pretty much in order.
 - 8 Q. You are now going to disagree with the
 - 9 record, all these exhibits here that establish that
 - 10 you received discipline on multiple occasions for
 - 11 excess work order errors?
 - 12 A. Sure. I was there for 24 years, and --
 - Q. I'm not asking you how many years you
 - were there for, Mr. Wingo. 14
 - Let's read back my question, please, and
 - 16 I'd like to get an answer to my question.
 - 17 A. Sure.

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- 18 Q. I'm going to ask you, Mr. Wingo, to
- 19 kindly refrain from talking while I'm asking my
- 20 question.
- 21 A. I thought you were done. I'm sorry.
- Q. It's a simple courtesy, and I'll do the 22
- 23 same to you, okay.
 - You would agree today you've been

1 maybe the weather --

- 2 A. Well, he didn't know -- well, it wasn't
- 3 that cold of a day at that time. I mean the one guy
- 4 used to leave it open around the clock, even in the
- 5 wintertime he would leave it open. And the younger
- 6 employees used to leave it open, and he would say
- 7 nothing.
- Q. Were you disciplined for that? 8
- A. Verbally. He says, just don't ever do it 10 again or I'll write you up or whatever.
- Q. Is there any -- did you ever receive any 11
- 12 discipline, as a result of that?
- 13 A. Not in writing.
- 14 Q. So I gather from your testimony so far
- 15 today, most of the discipline you received over your
- 16 career at Copper and Brass you consider to be
- 17 unwarranted?
- 18 A. No, I agree with some of it. I mean I
- 19 made mistakes. I was there for 24 years. I did
- 20 99 --
- 21 Q. Again, it's a yes or no. So I appreciate
- 22 you wanting to get on your soapbox there, but I'm
- 23 going to have to cut you off.
- Would you agree, Mr. Wingo, that if 24

- 1 cross-examined about quite a few number of times
- 2 that you were disciplined for excessive work order
- 3 errors?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And you would agree, with respect to all
- 6 that discipline, you never filed a single grievance,
- 7 under the labor contract, contesting the validity of
- 8 any of that discipline?
- A. I never did grievance it.
- 10 Q. And you would agree that in the fall of
- 11 2007, prior to your being terminated, you were
- 12 disciplined on several occasions for excessive work
- 13 order errors?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. And you would agree also, after being
- 16 suspended for three days, for excessive work order
- 17 errors, when you returned to work, Mr. Lunt sat down
- 18 with you and talked to you and counseled you about
- 19 the importance of being accurate in your, in your
- 20 documentation?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. And you would agree that you were
- 23 counseled on two occasions after you returned from
- 24 your suspension, but prior to your being terminated

- 1 please.
- 2 BY THE WITNESS:
- A. Do you mean work order sheets, production

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- 4 sheets? I just don't understand what you mean by
- 5 memos.
- 6 BY MR. LINDEN:
- 7 Q. Exhibits 31 and 30, the November 19th and
- 8 November 30, 2007 memos from Mr. Lunt, do you recall
- 9 testifying about them before?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And you would agree, you received those
- 12 prior to your being terminated on December 3rd by
- 13 Mr. Lunt, correct?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. So you would agree, by the time he
- 16 terminated you in December of 2007, through the fall
- 17 of 2007, on multiple occasions, you had been
- 18 disciplined and counseled about your documentation?
- 19 A. By "documentation," do you mean the
- 20 repetitive errors, or what do you actually mean?
- 21 Q. We can fence all day long, if you went
- 22 to, Mr. Wingo.
- 23 A. I didn't know what you mean. You said by
- 24 documentation. I'm just asking you to clarify it,

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- 1 by Mr. Lunt, about your documentation?
- 2 A. Could you repeat that, please.
- 3 MR. LINDEN: Can you read that back, please.
- 4 (WHEREUPON, the record was read
- 5 by the reporter.)
- 6 BY THE WITNESS:
- 7 A. No, I don't agree. I don't quite
- 8 understand that.
- 9 BY MR. LINDEN:
- 10 Q. You don't recall being shown two memos?
- 11 A. Documentation, it's kind of vague. What
- 12 do you mean?
- 13 Q. You don't recall -- I'm not answering any
- 14 questions today, Mr. Wingo.
- 15 A. I didn't understand.
- 16 Q. My question to you is, you don't recall
- 17 receiving two memos from Mr. Lunt, after you
- 18 returned from your suspension, where he raised
- 19 concerns about your documentation?
- 20 A. By "memo," do you mean he talked to me
- 21 personally, or what do you mean, actually?
- 'Cause he talked to me personally, yes,
- 23 he says ---
- MR. LINDEN: Can you hand me the exhibits,

- 1 please.
- 2 Q. Did your job require you to prepare and
- 3 maintain documentation?
- 4 A. Yes, the work order sheet, production
- 5 sheets, yes.
- 6 Q. Okay. And so you understand that means
- 7 documentation, I'm assuming.
- 8 A. Okay.
- 9 Q. Is that a yes?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Okay. And you would agree, throughout
- 12 the fall of 2007, on several occasions you were
- 13 disciplined progressively and then subsequently
- 14 counseled when you returned to work, by Mr. Lunt,
- 15 about your documentation?
 - A. I documented on the work orders that,
- 17 what I did with my time, and that's --
- 18 Q. That's not responsive to my question.
- 19 A. I don't understand your question, then.
- MR. LINDEN: Why don't you read back my
- 21 question, please.
- 22 A. Could you rephrase it, because I don't
- 23 understand the way you worded it. Could you
- 24 simplify it?

- 1 Q. I think the question is very simple and 2 direct and to the point, Mr. Wingo.
- 3 Again, if you want to play games.
- 4 A. I'm not playing games. I just want to 5 understand what you're asking.
- 6 Q. I think the record will amply reflect
- 7 that all day long you've been playing games with the 8 questions.
- 9 A. No one's playing games here. I want to
- 10 be honest with you guys. I'm telling you the truth.
- 11 I'm trying to tell you that I did the orders to the
- 12 best of my ability.
- 13 Q. Let's read back my question, please. I'm
- 14 not listening to any speeches.
- 15 A. Fine.
- 16 (WHEREUPON, the record was read
- by the reporter.)
- 18 BY THE WITNESS:
- 19 A. I just wrote on the work orders that they
- 20 were --
- 21 BY MR. LINDEN:
- 22 Q. I'm asking what you wrote on work orders.
- 23 The question called for yes or no. I didn't ask you
- 24 to tell me what you were doing with work orders.
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 - 1 A. Randy, yes, Randy documented some stuff, 2 yes.
 - 3 O. Well, that's still not quite responsive.
 - 4 A. I mean I documented on there also.
 - 5 Q. I'm not asking what you documented. I'm
 - 6 asking you, Mr. Wingo, and again, I'm prepared --
 - 7 I've already changed my flight. I'm going to be
 - 8 leaving later tonight now, because you've
- 9 unfortunately needlessly protracted this deposition
- 10 with your chronic nonresponsive --
- 11 A. I'm just trying to explain what happened
- 12 in the thing. I tried to write on the order --
- 13 Q. Again, Mr. Wingo, I posed a question to
- 14 you. My question is very specific.
- During the fall of 2007, prior to your
- 16 being terminated on December 3, 2007, isn't it true
- 17 the company disciplined you and counseled you on
- 18 multiple occasions about issues with your
- 19 documentation?
- 20 A. I was terminated.
- 21 Q. I didn't ask you if you were terminated.
- A. I was terminated.
- 23 MR. LINDEN: Let's read back my question.
- A. That's a yes, I guess. Yes, I was

- 1 terminated for my documentation, for falsifying the
- 2 record, but I didn't falsify the record, because --
- 3 Q. Again, I'm going to interrupt, because
- 4 again you're being totally nonresponsive for, I
- 5 don't know how many times.
- 6 MR. LINDEN: Can you read back my question,
- 7 please.

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- 8 (WHEREUPON, the record was read
 - by the reporter.)
- 10 MS. WEGNER: I'll object to the form of that
- 11 question, but you can answer.
- 12 BY THE WITNESS:
- 13 A. I don't know how to answer that yes or
- 14 no, I'm sorry. To me -- I'm lost in the question.
- 15 I'm -- could we take a break?
- 16 BY MR. LINDEN:
- 17 Q. If you need to take a break, Mr. Wingo,
- 18 to consult with your counsel, by all means, let's
- 19 take a break.
- 20 MS. WEGNER: He didn't say that was the reason
- 21 he needed to take a break. And we have been going
- 22 at it for a couple of hours now. I would frankly
- 23 like to go to the bathroom.
- 24 BY THE WITNESS:

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- A. You're pounding me on the issue, and I'm
- 2 trying to help you with it, but you won't listen to
- 3 my answer, so it's very hard to tell you.
- 4 BY MR. LINDEN:
- 5 Q. That's totally nonresponsive. I'll tell
- 6 you something right now, you and your counsel --
- 7 Mr. Wingo, extend me the courtesy that I've shown
- 8 you all day. Refrain from talking over me when I'm
- 9 talking. It's a simple courtesy. I think it's so
- 10 elementary that you should have no difficulty
- 11 comprehending it by now.
- 12 A. That's fine.
- Q. So what I'm about to say is, when we're
- 14 done for the day, I'm going to reserve the right to
- 15 seek relief from court and come back after I review
- 16 the record, in light of this witness' chronic
- 17 inability to be responsive to simple questions.
- 18 BY THE WITNESS:
- 19 A. I'm trying to answer your question.
- 20 MR. LINDEN: We're taking a break now. Off the
- 21 record now.
- 22 (WHEREUPON, a recess was had.)
- 23 MR. LINDEN: Let's mark this Exhibit 37.
 - (WHEREUPON, a certain document was

Document 29-6 ROBERT G. WINGO, MAY 19, 2008 Page 237 marked Wingo Deposition Exhibit No. 37, 1 2 for identification, as of this date.) 2 what I told him. 3 (WHEREUPON, the document was 3 4 tendered to the witness.) 5 BY MR. LINDEN: Q. All right. Mr. Wingo, you've been handed 6 what's been marked Exhibit 37, which, for purposes 7 of identification, is a November 29 daily production 8 9 log. 9 age? 10 Was this prepared by you? 10 11 Yes, sir. A. 12 Q. Okay. Is there anybody else's 13 handwriting on this document besides yours? 13 14 Yes. 14 15 Q. Where? The initials at the bottom by 20, MEA; 16 17 and also 21, it would be IG. Q. Okay. Did you see whoever wrote those 18 19 write those initials? 20 A. No, I did not, no. I think a foreman 21 wrote them later. 21 22 Q. But you don't know that for a fact, do 23 you?

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any of these work orders are incomplete? 2 A. Right on the right-hand column, in the 3 4 comments. 5 Q. Which ones, sir? 6 A. Okay, the first one, actually, the one, the -- okay, the one with MEA by it, number 20, I wrote that I boxed it. And you can see by the time,

I can only guess.

9 2:25, it was time to go. So in other words, I just 10 prepared the order, I did a partial on it, I boxed

11 it up, I stamped the weight, I did everything but 12 complete the order, because it was time to go, it

13 was 2:25. And that was common all the time, this

14 kind of stuff.

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15 Q. Other than the fact that you reference 16 the time 2:25, you would agree there's nothing in your comments that says the order is incomplete? 17

18 A. I did not write incomplete. I did 19 everything but write incomplete.

20 Q. Okay.

21 A. And the one, the second one, number 21

22 was the wrong size was pulled, and I was just

23 documenting that the wrong size was pulled. So I 24 told Arty, the second shift guy, I let him know that 1 that was the wrong material, don't ship it. That's

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So that's basically all I was doing was documenting that it was the wrong size, and I couldn't do anything with it.

Q. So other than what you've testified to by now, what other evidence do you have that the company discriminated against you because of your

A. Just basically the discipline for the mistakes, excessive mistakes, when other people were 12 making more excessive mistakes than me, and they were not disciplined.

The younger employees were allowed to 15 make unlimited mistakes, and they were never 16 disciplined. They were pulling me the wrong orders,

17 I was constantly dealing with bad orders, wrong 18 sizes, wrong alloys, wrong department, it didn't

belong in my department. They were bringing me all

these bad orders that I had no chance to succeed. And I tried to bring it to the attention

22 of the bosses to make them be accountable and, and

23 there was nothing. So they were discriminating

24 against me, being older, and letting the younger

Q. Okay. And where on this do you indicate guys do whatever they wanted.

> 2 Q. When did this alleged age discrimination 3 start, Mr. Wingo?

4 A. The age discrimination, it was 5 probably -- I saw an increase in bad orders from

DeMien, from Tyler, around, right after the

harassment deal with his dad.

8 Q. So the age discrimination started, what, in the fall of 2007?

10 A. It could have been sooner than that, but 11 that's when it really became evident.

12 Q. When you say "sooner than that," you 13 realize this is your lawsuit. You have to prove your claims in this case. 14

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So when is it that you're claiming the 16 17 age discrimination started?

A. When they started writing me up for the 18 19 errors and not the younger employees that were 20 making the errors and causing the errors.

21 Q. And when was this, sir? 22

This was all along. Α.

23 All along? Starting in 1984, sir? 24

No, it was started when I told you,

ROBERT G. WINGO, MAY 19, 2008 Page 241 Page 243 1 earlier in like August. 1 with an employee. 2 Q. August of what year, sir? 2 Q. This was --A. 2007, I mean that's when it really 3 3 A. I was just waiting for material. I escalated. There was errors all along -wasn't doing anything wrong, anyway. 5 Q. Again --5 Q. A. Okay. You ask me for something, and then 6 6 about? when I tell you, you don't want to hear it, so. 7 A. Yes. Mark is the one that swore at me Q. Kindly refrain from inaccurately 8 and harassed me verbally in front of other 9 characterizing the record, which will amply speak employees. 10 volumes of what's going on here. 10 Q. Again, the term "harassment," I gather So again, Mr. Wingo, since this is your 11 11 you like to toss it around. 12 lawsuit, this is an opportunity for me to now find 12 But when we talk in terms of harassment, 13 out, on behalf of your former employer, what your 13 we're talking about the fact that you didn't like 14 proof is in this case. You should know your claim. 14 the fact that he swore at you? 15 You're the one who's filed this lawsuit. 15 A. Well, would that be harassment to you? A. Yes, sir. 16 16 Q. Again, I'm not here, sir, to answer So I'm now trying to find out from you, 17 Q. 17 questions. 18 among other things, when did the age discrimination 18 19 start? 19 at you, that, to me, is harassment. 20 A. When I was being disciplined for the Q. You described earlier today what the 20 21 errors, and they weren't; as simple as that. 21 swearing was, correct? 22 Q. Let's not be so vague, Mr. Wingo. 22 A. Yes. 23 Vague? A. 23 Q. And you complained about that in 24 And let's kindly refrain from the 24 August of 2007? Page 242 1 snickering. 1 A. Yes, to Randy Lunt. 2 When was it, Mr. Wingo? 2 Q. Okay. And you also didn't like the fact 3 A. They were making errors all along. 4 Q. What year did the age discrimination A. Well, he never was disciplined for the allegedly start? 5 5 wrong orders, so. A. Basically, right around the August, after 6 6 Q. Again -the, after the oral harassment from the foreman. 7 7 A. Yes. 8 Q. August of 2007? 8 Q. Thank you. 9 A. Correct. And so again, so I'm sure I could -- that 10 Q. Okay. And when you say the harassment by 10 I want to be certain that I understand your claim in 11 the, by the supervisor, 'cause I don't want the 12 record to be unfairly --13 A. By Mark DeMien. By Mark DeMien. I'll be 13 your age? 14 more specific. 14 A. They ignored others' errors, and yes, 15

16 talking about your testimony earlier in your

17 deposition, where you were upset with the fact that

18 he swore at you?

- 19 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Okay. That's what you mean by

This is Mark DeMien you're complaining

A. Okay. What I'm saying, if someone swears

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Q. And when we talk about Mark DeMien, we're

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21 harassment?

A. Well, it was ongoing screaming and

23 yelling and swearing, a combination of all that.

24 That wasn't a professional way to handle a dispute

that you thought Mark DeMien was favoring his son?

this lawsuit, you're claiming what, both Mark DeMien

12 and Randy Lunt decided to terminate you because of

15 they decided to terminate me for the errors that

16 other people were making, too, and they weren't

17 being disciplined.

Q. So they terminated you as a sacrifice to 18

19 the younger people? 20

A. Seems that way. 21

Q. Okay. And when you say it "seems that

22 way," you're speculating, right?

A. Well, they're still there and I'm gone, 23

24 so.

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$\begin{vmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{vmatrix}$	Q. There are other people employed there who are older than you, correct?	1	
3	A. Yes.	2	
4	Q. Lance Amack being one?	4	
5	A. Yes. He's ready to retire.	5	BY MR. LINDEN:
6	Q. Do you know a Mr., I believe, Polito?	6	
7	A. Do you have a first name? I don't	7	Zidro Garcia?
8	recognize the last name.	8	
9	Q. Hold on.	9	yes. Zidro, yes.
10	A. Maybe he was a newer guy. I don't know	10	•
11	the names.	11	•
12	Probably second shift.	12	
13	Q. Do you know a Fredrick Stalzik	13	
14	(phonetic)?	14	
15	A. Freddie, yes. Yes, I do know Freddie.	15	
16		16	Q. Do you know a Tony Falco?
17	A. I don't know his age. I never asked him	17	A. Yes.
18	his age. I don't know.	18	Q. Do you know how old he is?
19	He's an older gentleman.	19	,
20	Q. Was he still employed	20	exactly what.
21	A. He's probably over 50.	21	Q. You don't know exactly how old he is?
22	Q. Is he still employed there?	22	7
23	A. I believe so. I don't know.	23	
24	Q. Do you know an employee by the name of	24	Q. Do you know an Arturo Flores?
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1	Enrico Polito?	1	A. Arty's probably 50.
2	A. It sounds familiar, but I don't remember.	2	Q. Was he a warehouse clerk?
3	I don't know his last name. That's why I don't	3	A. Yes.
4	know.	4	Q. And was he still employed at Copper and
5	I thought there was a Rico there, yes.	5	Brass when you left?
6	Q. The Rico you knew, was he older or	6	A. I think so.
7	younger than you?	7	Q. Okay. So Mr. Wingo, you seem to be
8	A. I don't know. I'm not placing the guy	8	suggesting in part, you don't dispute the fact that
9	with the name. It's been a while.	9	you made errors?
10	Q. Do you know a Denny Prosser (phonetic)?	10	A. Yes.
11	A. Denny Prosser, yes.	11	Q. And you don't dispute the fact that the
12	Q. He was employed at Copper and Brass when	12	errors you made resulted in your discipline, but you
13	•	13	3 8 J
14	A. Yes.	3	mistakes, and they should have also been disciplined
15 16	Q. Was he about the same age as you?	1	like you were?
17	A. I'm not sure his age. I think he was	16	A. Correct, they were making similar errors
18	younger. Q. Well, was he much younger than you?	17	on the work orders, maybe not exactly the same
19	MS. WEGNER: I'll object, calls for	18	problems; but they were bringing me the wrong
20	speculation. Already asked and answered.	19	material, alloys, things I could not succeed with,
21	BY THE WITNESS:	20 21	and they were not being disciplined.
22	A. Was he what, younger than me?	21	Q. All right. So beyond them bringing you
23	BY MR. LINDEN:	23	the wrong materials and who were those younger people that were bringing you the wrong materials?
24	Q. Much younger than you.	24	A. The side loader operators.
	Control of the state of the sta	, <u>4</u> 7	11. The side toader operators.

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- 1 Q. How else were the younger people, besides
- 2 also being allowed to be on their cell phones and
- 3 keep the door open, how else were they treated more
- 4 favorably than you?
- A. Just allowed to, to have free time and
- 6 not have to grab a broom and start sweeping. They
- were allowed free time.
- O. Is there any reason to doubt that you're
- going to successfully complete your probationary
- period at BorgWarner?
- A. Is there any doubt? I should be okay. 11
- 12 I'm doing fine.
- Q. You haven't received any disciplines
- 14 since you've been there?
- 15 A. No.
- O. And you like your job at BorgWarner? 16
- 17 A. Yes, I do.
- 18 Q. And when you complete your probationary
- 19 period, will you get any sort of pay increase?
- A. I think so, but I'm not positive.
- 21 O. Well, has anybody told you that you'll be
- 22 eligible for a pay increase?
- 23 A. Yes, they said there would be merit
- 24 raises, but they didn't say specifically when. It

- 1 you, after you complained about his swearing at you?
- 2 A. I don't know. He, he -- things went
- 3 downhill from there.
 - Q. Did you ever talk to Pat Bishop about his
- 5 lawyer?

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- 6 A. He said he might get a lawyer. I don't
- 7 know.
- 8 Q. Did he say to you why he may be getting a
- 9 lawyer?
- A. Not really. 10
- (WHEREUPON, a recess was had.) 11
- 12 BY MR. LINDEN:
- 13 Q. Now, you're aware, Mr. Wingo, you were
- 14 required to produce a number of documents for your
- 15 deposition today?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. And at the beginning your counsel
- 18 provided me with some documents, and I just want to
- make sure I've been provided with all the documents
- that you were requested to produce.
- 21 So item number 1, you were requested to
- 22 produce all documents, whether admissible or
- 23 inadmissible, which you believe support, tend to
- 24 support, refute, or tend to refute any allegations

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- 1 may be at the end of 90 days, I'm not sure.
- 2 Q. Now, you're not claiming any sort of
- psychological injury, as a result of being
- terminated, are you?
- A. I don't know. I mean I was shattered 5
- 6 when I was fired. I mean I was totally embarrassed,
- 7 humiliated by my family; yeah, I was beat up, man,
- 8 totally.
- 9 Q. Have you seen any sort of healthcare
- 10 provider for any of these problems?
- A. I haven't been doing anything. I've just 11
- 12 been trying to maintain with peace and love of my
- 13 family to get through it.
- 14 Q. And obviously you're able to function and
- 15 work at BorgWarner?
- 16 A. Yeah, I'm okay.
- 17 Q. And you were also able to function and
- 18 work at Murphy's Metals?
- 19 A. Okay so far, yes.
- 20 I find myself missing my --
- 21 Q. I don't have a question in front of you
- 22 right now, Mr. Wingo.
- 23 A. Okay.
- 24 Do you think Mark DeMien was out to get

- 1 set forth in your complaint.
- Have you provided all those documents 2
- 3 today?

- 4 A. I believe we have.
 - Q. Number 2, you were requested to produce
- all documents relating to any employment maintained
- or sought by you from December 2007 to the present.
- 8 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Well, you indicated earlier in your
- 10 deposition that you have a list at home of places
- 11 where --
- 12 A. I thought we sent that in. I thought we
- 13 sent that in to the people.
- 14 Q. Sent them in to who?
- 15 A. I thought we sent it in to my lawyer to
- 16 give to you.
- 17 Q. But you have a handwritten list or a
- 18 typed list somewhere?
- 19 A. Yes. We prepared a list of all the
- 20 companies we went to.
- 21 Q. But that has not been provided today,
- 22 correct?
- 23 A. I thought it was. I'm shocked that it's
- 24 not. I thought you had that in your hands.

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- 1 Q. Well, let's talk about your shocked state of mind there, Mr. Wingo, okay?
- 3 A. No, I thought we sent that in, that's 4 all.
- 5 Q. I'm going to hand you what your counsel provided at the beginning of the deposition, and I'm going to ask you to identify for me where your
- handwritten notes are concerning your job quest. A. Okay, my wife prepared, along with me, 10 prepared the list of companies that we went to. My
- 11 wife helped me with it. It was an extensive list,
- 12 it was over a hundred companies, and --
- 13 Q. I appreciate your description of it. I'm
- 14 going to ask you --
- A. Find it? 15
- Q. is it in there? 16
- 17 A. I don't know.
- I'll know right away. It's pretty 18
- 19 lengthy.

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- 20 MR. LINDEN: Let the record reflect that
- 21 Mr. Wingo is now going through the documents his
- 22 counsel provided me.
- 23 BY THE WITNESS:
- 24 A. Do you know that they're not here?

- Mr. Wingo. Number 3 was a copy of any version of
- 2 your résumé which you have submitted to any
- potential employer since December 1, 2007 to the
- 4 present.
- 5 A. Okay.
 - Q. Did you provide a copy of that today?
- 7 A. I'm still looking. I'll check and see if
- it's in here.
- I didn't get a chance to go through it.
- 10 There's over a hundred pages here. I honestly
- 11 thought that all that was included and that you got
- 12 it. I'm sorry, if it's not.
- Q. I appreciate your apology. But 13
- 14 regardless, it should have been provided today.
- 15 A. I thought it was in here.
- 16 MS. WEGNER: I actually see a résumé, page 119.
- 17 MR. LINDEN: Well, he has my copy right in
- 18 front of him.
- 19 BY THE WITNESS:
- 20 A. There you go. It's here. I just don't
- 21 know where everything is. I'm just getting to the
- bottom here.
- 23 That's the quarantined material.
- 24 Okay. There is my résumé, that was

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- You could save us a lot of time. There's
- 2 over a hundred pages here.
- 3 Q. Mr. Wingo, these were documents you and
- 4 your counsel provided me today. They're your
- 5 documents. You're going to have to help us
- 6 determine whether or not you have, in fact, produced
- this document, which you were obligated to produce.
- A. I thought it was in here. It should be
- 9 in here. As far as I know, it should be in here,
- 10 because we did provide it.
- MS. WEGNER: I do not see such a list in these 11
- 12 documents.
- 13 MR. LINDEN: Okay, thank you.
- 14 BY THE WITNESS:
- A. We can amply provide that, if you really
- 16 need that, we can provide it. I thought my wife
- 17 sent it to you, I thought somebody had that already.
- 18 MR. LINDEN: Well, I'm entitled to it. It was
- 19 required to be produced. Again, I'm going to
- 20 reserve the right to continue the deposition, should
- 21 it be warranted.
- 22 BY MR. LINDEN:
- Q. All right, so coming back to the
- 24 documents that you were required to produce today,

- 1 there. There you go.
- 2 BY MR. LINDEN:
- 3 Q. So the last item is you were requested to
- 4 produce copies of your federal, state and any
- 5 applicable city income tax return for the years 2003
- 6 to 2006. And I saw there were some tax returns
- 7 there, so --
- 8 A. They're all here.
- 9 Q. -- presumably those have been provided?
- 10 A. Yeah, they're all here.
- Q. All right, so why don't you give me back 11
- 12 the documents.
- 13 A. Can I look for that one thing?
- 14 Q. What are you looking for?
- 15 A. Didn't you say there was a list?
- 16 Q. Yeah, you can go ahead and finish looking
- 17 for that list.
- 18 A. I already looked through a hundred pages.
- 19 MS. WEGNER: You don't have that many pages to
- 20 go.
- 21 BY THE WITNESS:
- 22 A. I believe we did provide it. I'm sorry,
- 23 if it's not here, but I swear that we sent it in.
 - MR. LINDEN: We'll go off the record.

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1	BY THE WITNESS:	1	Q. No.
2	A. I don't know what happened here.	2	(WHEREUPON, the record was read
3	(WHEREUPON, a recess was had.)	3	by the reporter.)
4	MR. LINDEN: Back on the record.	4	BY THE WITNESS:
5	BY MR. LINDEN:	5	A. Yes, it was. Yes.
6	Q. So you've had an opportunity to finish	6	BY MR. LINDEN:
7	going through the documents you produced.	7	Q. Okay. And when I reviewed your notes
8	Were you able to find the documentation	8	here and by the way, is there anybody else's
9	concerning your job search?		handwriting in this exhibit, other than yours?
10	A. No, sir. If you need it, we will get it	10	A. I think my wife's handwriting is at the
11	•		top.
12	Q. I'm going to want that, sir.	12 13	Q. Top of what, the very first page?
13	A. Okay.		A. Yes, sir, where yes, my wife's, my
14	Q. All right. Now, among the documents you	15	wife's handwriting is at the top of the page. Q. But other than that, the rest of the
15	did produce today were some handwritten notes of your of somebody's.		handwriting is yours?
16 17	MR. LINDEN: And why don't we mark this as an	17	A. I believe so.
18	exhibit. Where are we?	18	Q. Where does your wife's handwriting end?
19	(WHEREUPON, a certain document was	19	A. Right where the line is drawn.
20	marked Wingo Deposition Exhibit No. 38,	20	Q. On the very first page?
21	for identification, as of this date.)	21	A. Yes.
22	(WHEREUPON, the document was	22	Q. So beginning on December 4th, Tuesday,
23	tendered to the witness.)	23	approximately 11 o'clock forward, onward, that would
24	,	24	be your handwriting?
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1	BY MR. LINDEN:	1	A. Yes, sir.
2	Q. All right. You've been handed what's	2	Q. And this document indicates that you were
3	been marked as Exhibit 36 (sic), which, for purposes	3	complaining to Mr. Fruehauf about how Mark DeMien
4	of identification, these are from your documents	4	spoke to you when he swore at you?
5	that were produced today. They are Bates stamped	5	A. Yes.
6	000136 through 000146.	6	Q. Okay.
7	Who prepared this document?	7	A. How I was being harassed, yes.
8	A. I did.	8	Q. And you would agree, there's nothing in
9	Q. And before we get to the last page of	9	here to indicate that you were complaining to Bill
10		10	•
11	right after you had your meeting with Mr. Fruehauf?	11	A. Yes.
12		12	Q. And the very last page of this exhibit,
13	MS. WEGNER: Would you care to make a copy for	13	-
	me?	14	
15	MR. LINDEN: You don't have a copy of the	15 16	Q. The very last page of the exhibit.A. Let me check.
17	documents you produced? MS. WEGNER: Yeah, but I mean as an exhibit.	10	Q. 000146 at the top. It refers to Pat
18		18	Bishop, and there's a phone number.
19	• •	19	A. Yes.
20	,	20	
21	A. Was a there a question?	21	A. Yes, sir.
22		22	Q. And what, you prepared this after having
23		23	
	asking.	24	
		ziančetk	

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1	Q. And that's Pat Bishop's phone number at	1	
2	the top?	1 2	for your time, Mr. Wingo. THE WITNESS: Okay, thank you.
3	A. Yes.	3	MR. LINDEN: You're welcome.
4	Q. And Sergio Garcia, who is he?	4	MR. LINDEN. Toute welcome.
5	A. Sergio and Pat Bishop were witnessed	5	
6	the harassment from Mark DeMien when he was	6	
7	swearing, and they both recommended that I file a	7	
8	grievance or get a lawyer at that point.	8	
9	Q. So they saw Mark DeMien swear at you in	9	
10	August 2007?	10	
11	A. Yes, sir.	11	
12	Q. Sergio Garcia, what job did he hold at	12	
13	Copper and Brass?	13	
14	A. He worked with Pat Bishop in bay 5, as	14	
	receiving clerks.	15	
16	Q. Did they indicate that they had ever been	16	
17	sworn at by Mark DeMien?	17	
18	A. I don't know for sure.	18	
19	Q. Anybody ever complain to you about	19	
20	Mark DeMien?	20	
21	A. I don't know. I mean, you know, lot of	21	
22	people don't like the foreman. I don't really know.	22	
	You know. Not really.	23	
24	Q. So other than what you've testified to	24	
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1	today, what other evidence, if any, do you have to	1	EXAMINATION
1	support your claim of age discrimination?	2	BY MS. WEGNER:
3	A. Mainly the issues with the allowing of	3	Q. Mr. Wingo, during your deposition today
4	breaking company rules by the younger employees.	4	you've been shown a number of documents regarding
5	Q. Let's save some time. I don't want you	5	discipline that you received, for which you did not
6	to repeat anything that you've already testified to.		- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
7	Is there anything in addition to what	7	Do you recall that?
8	you've testified to today to support your claim of	8	A. Yes.
9	age discrimination?	9	Q. What is the reason you did not file
10	A. I can't think of any right now.	10	grievances regarding much of the discipline that you
11	Q. Well, today's the date, time and place	11	received during your employment with Copper and
12	for you to testify, so I can discover what it is		Brass Sales?
	that you're claiming.	13	A. Well, it just wasn't my style. I just
14	A. Mainly the things we've already		didn't, I just didn't challenge some of the stuff,
15	discussed.		because I didn't feel we would get anywhere. I just
16	Q. Okay. And there's you have no other		tried to I mean everybody makes mistakes. I just
17	evidence, correct?	17	tried to do better and not make mistakes. I mean I
18	A. I'm not sure if something becomes evident	18	did 200,000 orders at Copper and Brass, yes, I'm
19	after this, I don't know. But I think that's all.	19	going to make some mistakes. They took exceptions
20	Q. You're currently not aware of any other	20	to the ones I made. It was discriminating against
21	evidence, though, right?		me.
22	A. Right.	22	MR. LINDEN: I'm going to
23	Q. Okay.	23	MS. WEGNER: Please.
24	MR. LINDEN: I have nothing further. Thank you	24	BY MS. WEGNER:

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Page 265 Q. Please, Mr. Wingo, are there any other 1 2 reasons -- did you believe that you would suffer any 2 3 type of retaliation, if you filed grievances? A. That was kind of the deal. I couldn't, I 4 4 wouldn't be able to -- allowed to work overtime, if 5 I challenged anything with grievances and stuff. 7 Q. Okay. All right. And why did you believe that you wouldn't 9 be allowed to work overtime, if you challenged any 9 10 discipline by filing grievances? A. Because other employees said that that's 11 12 how the foremans get even with you, or retaliate, is 12 13 they don't allow you to work overtime. 13 Q. Quite early on in your deposition you 14 15 were shown Exhibit Number 3, which was an employee 15 16 report form, dated July 16, 1999. A. Yes. 17 18 Q. Do you recall that? 18 19 A. No, because no one signed it. 19 Q. You recall, though, being shown this 20 20

21 document earlier in your deposition.

22 A. Oh, yes, yes, sure. Exhibit 3, right.

23 Q. Okay. Was it the standard practice that

24 you sign an employee report form when you were

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1 being -- receiving counseling or discipline at

Copper and Brass? 3 A. Yes.

Q. And if you did not, as a matter of

5 standard practice at Copper and Brass, sign an

6 employee report form regarding counseling or

discipline, would it be standard practice to notice 7

8 that you refused?

A. Yes, we would, we would write down I 9 10 refused to sign. This one says "I disagree with

statement," but they just put an X through it.

12 Anyone could have done that.

I did not sign the document, no.

14 Q. And on Exhibit Number 3, this employee 15 report form of July 16, 1999, it does not contain

16 any signature of any supervisor, correct?

17 A. Correct, right.

18 Q. Okay.

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19 A. There's no signature from the supervisor.

Q. And earlier in your deposition you were 20

21 shown Exhibit Number 4 --

22 A. Okav.

23 Q. -- which appears to be a training, a

24 number of sheets of a training summary and

1 certification log.

Are all of the initials in the right-hand

column your initials?

A. Let me check it.

It looks like they're all my initials,

but the first page doesn't even have a date on it.

And that's the one that says the Internet one.

Actually, it does have a date here.

MR. LINDEN: Well, I'm going to object, because

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your witness is not being responsive.

11 BY MS. WEGNER:

Q. That was not my question.

A. Okay.

I see it.

Q. Each page of Exhibit Number 4 in the

16 right-hand column where it indicates it should be

the employee's initials?

A. Okay.

Q. Are those your initials?

A. Yes, yes.

21 Q. All right.

22 Yes. A.

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Q. Okay. Now, do you take some -- have some

24 dispute with the first page of this training log,

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1 Exhibit Number 4, in connection with the notation

2 for the Internet?

3 A. I thought it was, but now that I see the

date is over here, instead of at the top of the page

where it says "Date, assigned position," it's blank,

and then they dated it at the bottom.

Q. So you don't have any issue with --

A. No, I think that one's okay.

9 Q. Okay.

10 A. What I'm saying is I didn't know if that

11 one was an add-on, because that's -- everything

12 else ---

13 MR. LINDEN: Again, Mr. -- I'm going to object.

14 The witness is not being responsive to the question,

15 and I ask that it be stricken.

16 BY MS. WEGNER:

17 Q. In your position that you held at the

18 time of your termination, handling the shipping

19 functions, other than repetitive documentation

20 errors, to your knowledge, what other types of

21 errors could you have made?

A. In addition to the regular errors or key 22

23 punch errors? What do you mean?

MR. LINDEN: I'm going to object to the form of

1 the question.

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- BY MS. WEGNER:
 - Q. I'm sorry, documentation errors?
- A. Meaning -- speak English for me. 4 5 I'm sorry, I'm brain dead at this point.

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- Q. Well, fine. There are documents here 6
- that indicate you made repetitive documentation 7 8 errors.
- 9 A. Yes. Okay, there was -- it was
- 10 repetitive errors, because there's only so many
- 11 things you can do wrong. So I guess, yes, if you
- 12 make an error, it's kind of a repeat deal. We do
- 13 the same -- I do 200,000 orders, it's a repetitive
- 14 process. Some of them are going to be the same
- 15 mistakes, yes.
- Q. Did you feel you received adequate 16
- 17 representation from your union, during your
- 18 employment with Copper and Brass Sales?
- 19 A. No.
- 20 Q. Why did you believe you did not receive
- 21 adequate representation from your union, while you
- were employed at Copper and Brass Sales? 22
- 23 A. Well, just the way they represented me
- 24 all along, it didn't seem like they were behind me.

- 1 It seemed like they were more with the company or
- 2 with Mark DeMien in trying to, you know, terminate
- 3 me, seemed like they were helping him terminate me.
- Q. You were earlier shown Exhibit Number 10,
- 5 which was an employee report form for June 15, 1999
- 6 regarding a verbal warning for repetitive errors,
- that you responded to by indicating there was a
- 8 problem with the scale not working.
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Did you notify anyone at Copper and Brass
- 11 Sales that the scale was not working?
- A. I believe I did, yes. 12
- Q. And did anyone at Copper and Brass Sales 13
- 14 make any attempt to get the scale --
- A. Repaired. 15
- Q. -- repaired? 16
- 17 A. Eventually I think they did, but I think
- 18 there was like a short in the wire, and they kind of
- 19 let it go for two months. The scale was working off
- 20 and on for two months. It had a short in it. If
- 21 you happened to step on it the wrong way, it would
- 22 go haywire and, you know. It didn't happen all the
- 23 time so they didn't repair it right away; and then
- 24 it got worse and worse, and they finally repaired

1 it. 2

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Q. You were earlier shown Exhibit Number 11.

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- 3 It's just an employee report form for January 10,
- 2001, which had two pages attached to it of work --
- a packing list and work orders.
 - A. Yes.
- 7 One was not even my name. I didn't do
- 8 that one.
- 9 Q. Okay. Are you referring to the second 10 page of Exhibit Number 11, this packing list?
- A. I'm referring to the work order 493068.
- 12 That one has the initials, "Filled by and packed by
- 13 LDA," which is another employee. That's not my 14 initials.
- 15 Q. Okay.
- So they did the order. I didn't do that 16 A.
- 17 order.
- 18 Q. Do you know who the initials LDA refer
- 19 to?

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- A. Lance, that would be Lance Amack.
- 21 Q. All right. Then, in looking at Exhibit
- 22 Number 11, is it your contention that you should not
- 23 have received discipline, in connection with the
- 24 orders contained on work order 493068 or 410341.
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- 1 because you weren't responsible for packaging?
 - A. Correct, yes.
- 3 Q. During your employment with Copper and
- 4 Brass Sales, were you ever provided with a
- 5 definition of the company's -- I'm sorry, let me
- start that one again.
- 7 During your employment with Copper and
- Brass Sales, did you ever receive the Copper and
- 9 Brass Sales definition of falsification of company
- 10 documents?
- 11 A. I can't remember if that was in the
- 12 contract or the work rules.
- 13 It was never an issue. I never did that
- 14 stuff, so I never, you know, paid total attention to
- 15 that.
- 16 Q. Did you have any understanding, while you
- 17 were employed at Copper and Brass Sales, what the
- 18 meaning was of falsifying company documents?
- 19 MR. LINDEN: Objection. Asked and answered.
- 20 BY MS. WEGNER:
 - Q. You can answer.
- 22 A. Could you please rephrase it, please, or
- 23 say it again, please.
- MS. WEGNER: Could you please read it back for

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Page 273 Page 275 1 come to RBW-NP? 1 me. 2 (WHEREUPON, the record was read 2 A. Yes. It should have been brought to the 3 by the reporter.) 3 saw area, and they brought it to my area, which is 4 BY THE WITNESS: 4 non-processing. And it should have been a processed 5 A. Yes. order, it should have been cut in half. Q. Okay. What was your understanding of the 6 Q. Okay. Earlier in the deposition you were 6 7 meaning of falsifying company documents? 7 shown Exhibit 37 ---A. To write something that, that was false 8 A. Yes. 9 or to, to say something that wasn't true about 9 Q. -- which was a daily production log? 10 something. 10 A. Yes. 11 MS. WEGNER: I'm looking for 27. 11 11/29? 12 There it is, 27. 12 Q. Yes, Exhibit 27 is the daily production 13 BY MS. WEGNER: 13 log for November 29th. 14 Q. All right. You earlier in the deposition 14 A. Yes. 15 were shown Exhibit Number 27. Q. Is that 2007? 15 16 A. Okay. 16 A. 2007, yes. 17 Q. Which was an employee report form of 17 Q. In making time notations in the 18 October 4, 2007 regarding the switching of labels on 18 right-hand column of the daily production log --19 orders, for which you received a written warning, 19 A. Yes. 20 correct? 20 Q. -- was it your standard practice to put 21 A. Yes. 21 the time you started a project or the time you 22 Q. Okay. And you earlier testified that stopped a project? 22 23 there was another employee working with you --23 A. Normally I think it was a starting time. 24 But if the bell rang and it was the last order of 24 That's what I understand. Page 274 Page 276 Q. -- on these orders that are documented on 1 the day, you obviously had to put the ending time, 1 Exhibit 27, correct? 2 2 3 A. Yes. 3 So I think that's what I did on this one. 4 Q. All right. Who was the other employee? 4 I may have started it, but at the time that I wrote 5 A. Lance Amack. the finish, 'cause I think I wrote the complete -- I 6 You've got to let us finish. 6 didn't get a chance to put -- the time didn't come 7 Who was the other employee working with 7 out right. The time came out at 2:25, 'cause the you on the work orders that are documented in bell rang. So in other words, it was one of those Exhibit 27? 9 orders, it was a partial. I wasn't able to complete 10 A. Lance Amack. 10 it, so I wrote down 2:25, because the bell rang. 11 Q. Okay. Is it your contention Mr. Amack And what it could have been --11 12 was responsible for the, any of the errors that are 12 Q. No. 13 documented in Exhibit 27? 13 A. Okay. That's enough. 14 A. I think we both share the blame. I key Q. All right. We earlier looked at Exhibit 14 15 punched it, and he put it on the wrong bundles. 15 Number 11. I'd like you to refer back to that 16 again --16 I was helping him out doing the key 17 punching. 17 A. Okay. 18 Q. You were earlier shown Exhibit Number 28, Q. -- and take a look at this work order 18 19 which is an employee report form for October 10, 19 493068. On the right-hand side there are boxes for 20 2007. 20 the inclusion of information for filled by, packed 21 A. Yes. 21 by and QA audit. 22 And in response to the employee report 22 Do you see those --

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A. Yes.

Q. -- around the middle of the page?

23 form that's marked as Exhibit Number 28, did you

24 write this statement that the order should not have

Page 277 Page 279 1 Sure. Α. audit on the work orders? 2 Q. Okay. 2 A. I did a lot of the time, yes. 3 Yes. 3 See, Lance did not at this time, though, 4 In looking at this work order, was -so in 2000 they weren't doing it that way, 2001; but were those the boxes that Mr. Lunt wanted you to later they did have us do it. complete, you and -- all your initial in each, 6 Q. Earlier in your deposition you were shown filled by, packed by, and QA audit? 7 Exhibit Number 3 --8 A. Yes. 8 A. Okay. 9 Okay. Q. 9 Q. -- which was an employee report form for 10 Yes. Α. 10 July 16th, 1999 --Q. All right. On any given day, was it your 11 11 A. Yes. 12 responsibility to fill a work order --12 Q. -- which reflected that you were 13 A. Um. 13 receiving a suspension for wasting time, which 14 Q. -- with respect to getting together the 14 included talking to Randy Lunt, correct? 15 materials? 15 A. I never did receive a suspension. 16 A. Certain areas were different. The RBW 16 Q. Okay, fair enough. 17 area was different, it had a different system that A. I never signed it, I never knew about it. 17 18 they had come up with. Normally, the field guy is, 18 The supervisor never signed it. I don't know where 19 is the guy that goes to get it, okay, or the guy 19 it came from. It's --20 that cuts it. In this case, the one you're talking 20 Q. During the course of your employment at about, this guy cut it, this guy packed it and this 21 Copper and Brass Sales, did you often have reason to 22 guy was the audit on that one. 22 talk to Randy Lunt, in connection with performing Q. Are you referring to 410341, that work 23 23 your duties? 24 order that's part of Exhibit 11? 24 A. Yes. Page 278 Page 280 1 A. Yes. 1 Q. Okay. It wouldn't be anything unusual 2 Q. Okay? for you to talk to Mr. Lunt, in connection with a A. So Lance signed that one there as packed question that you had or performing your duties --4 by and filled by, but he technically did not -- this 4 A. Correct. 5 was an item that was cut, it was metal that was cut. 5 Q. -- right? 6 And Lance did not cut the material, so he did not 6 Yes. 7 fill the order. Someone else should have signed it 7 8:05 is break time, so I don't know why 8 for fill. he'd be yelling at me when it's break time. Q. To your knowledge, was there someone at Q. All right. Earlier in your deposition 9 10 Copper and Brass Sales, while you were employed 10 you were shown Exhibit Number 13 --11 there in the last several years, that was 11 Okay. 12 responsible for QA audit? 12 Q. -- which was a memo --A. I'm not sure who they did on this one. 13 13 A. Yes. 14 Normally it would be, normally it would be the 14 Q. -- that you responded to in your own 15 packer, the packer did a lot of them. But in this 15 handwritten words. 16 case it could have been the operator or the lead 16 Mm-hmm. Α. 17 man. Looks like the lead man signed off on that. 17 O. Correct? 18 Q. Well, in the last year or two of your 18 A. Yes. 19 employment at Copper and Brass Sales, what was your 19 O. Okav. 20 position? 20 MR. LINDEN: What's the date on that? 21 A. Packer. 21 MS. WEGNER: February 12, 2001. 22 Q. Okay. And then, as a packer in the last 22 MR. LINDEN: Thank you. 23 two years that you worked at Copper and Brass Sales, 23 MS. WEGNER: Exhibit 13. 24 were you responsible for filling in the box for QA 24 BY MS. WEGNER:

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- Q. Why did you state at the bottom of this memo, Exhibit 13, that you thought the system was causing some of the errors?
- 4 A. Well, it says -- I think the system is 5 causing some of the errors, because this job packing
- 6 used to be a two-man operation, and now it's a
- 7 one-man operation, with the hurry-up mentality. In
- 8 other words, we were hurried through the orders, and
- 9 that caused errors. It used to be a two-man
- 10 operation, and they lowered it to a one-man
- 11 operation, and that kind of speeded things up and
- 12 caused errors.
- Q. At the very bottom of the page there is a parentheses, and there are a couple of words.
- Do you know what you were --
- 16 A. I was trying to read that myself. I
- 17 could not tell exactly what that says.
- 18 Q. Okay.
- 19 A. Less rush, maybe. I think it got chopped
- 20 off. I think it's less rush. See, the S is chopped
- 21 off, and the H is chopped off?
- Q. And is that a name?
- 23 A. No, no, it just means don't rush us. I'm
- 24 saying by rushing us, you cause us to make errors.

- 1 operator was?
- 2 A. No. It doesn't say here who it was.
- 3 Q. And do you have any knowledge as to
- 4 whether the operator that was responsible for using
- 5 the wrong part number to fill the order received any
- 6 discipline?
 - A. It doesn't say here. Just says me.
- 8 Q. So you don't have any knowledge as to --
 - A. No, I don't have any --
- 10 Q. -- whether or not the operator received
- 11 any discipline?
- 12 A. Don't have any knowledge. It doesn't
- 13 say.

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- 14 Q. You were earlier shown an employee report
- 15 form for December 1, 2005, marked as Exhibit 23.
- 16 A. Okay.
- 17 Q. And in response, where you disagreed with
- 18 this written warning, you stated you were doing
- 19 100 pound sheet order, sheets --
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. -- were heavy?
- A. They were very heavy.
- 23 Q. Okay.
- A. It's normally a two-man job. When

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- . .
- 1 Q. Okay. Do you have any recollection of
- 2 the incidents that are described in Exhibit
- 3 Number 13, with the specific work orders?
 - A. This goes back --
- 5 Q. To 2001?

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- 6 A. -- to 2001. That's seven years ago. I
- 7 don't have total recall.
- 8 Q. Do you know, as you sit here today,
- 9 whether or not, as it's stated in the second
- 10 paragraph, that the machine operator made the first
- 11 error, do you know who that machine operator was?
- 12 A. I don't have the work order, so it's
- 13 really hard to tell.
- 14 Q. Do you have any knowledge as to whether
- 15 or not the machine operator that was responsible for
- 16 the error in Exhibit Number 13 received any
- 17 discipline?
- 18 A. I don't think so. I don't know. That I
- 19 don't really know. It doesn't say here.
- Q. Okay. And in the next paragraph, the
- 21 third paragraph of Exhibit 13, it talks about work
- 22 order number 414421 and that the operator used the
- 23 wrong part number to fill the order.
- Do you have any knowledge as to who that

- 1 they're over a certain weight, they have a weight
- 2 restriction you can't lift.
- 3 I should have had another guy, and he
- 4 left me alone there. I had 100-pound sheets, they
- 5 were heavy stainless sheets. He left me alone to do
- 6 it myself, so I did the best I could. I did 13 of
- 7 them an hour, which was not that bad, because they
- 8 were super heavy sheets.
- 9 Q. Would you typically have assistance --
 - A. You should.
- 11 Q. -- if you were doing hundred-pound
- 12 sheets?

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- 13 A. Yes. The foremen know this, and they
- 14 should send you a helper when you're doing something
- 15 that heavy, because we have a 70-pound weight
- 16 restriction.
- 17 Q. Okay. I'm sorry, you may have provided
- 18 this testimony earlier. I simply don't recall what
- 19 time your shift started each day, typically.
- 20 A. 6 o'clock, typically. 6:00 to 2:30.
 - Q. And did you get regular breaks --
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. -- during your shift?
 - A. Yes, 8 o'clock and, and 2 o'clock --

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- 1 1 o'clock, excuse me. 8 o'clock to 1 o'clock. We
- 2 had a lunch break, too, at 11:00.
- Q. How long was your lunch break? 3
- 4 A. Half hour.
- 5 Q. And how long were your morning and
- afternoon ---
- A. 8 o'clock and 1 o'clock were 15-minute
- 8 breaks.
- 9 Q. Okay. Earlier in your deposition you
- 10 were shown Exhibit 24, which is an employee report
- 11 form for March 28, 2006.
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. And --
- 14 A. It was throw-away masonite.
- 15 Q. No. My question to you is, it indicates
- 16 that there was a change made in the category of rule
- 17 violation, as noted by Mr. DeMien?
- A. Yes. 18
- 19 Q. Initially, it was a category D violation?
- 20 MR. LINDEN: I'm going to object. It's an
- 21 inaccurate characterization of what the document
- 22 says, and I think the document speaks for itself.
- 23 BY MS. WEGNER:
- 24 Were you provided with any reason why you

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- 1 were charged with this category B violation, failure
- 2 to perform task, as reflected in Exhibit 24?
- 3 A. It was throwaway material. I was -- I
- 4 took it out of the garbage can. It was getting
- 5 thrown out, and I was going to use it. And I didn't
- ask Mark, I didn't ask if I can use it; and he said
- bring it back, so I did. 7
- But normally he didn't care, but this 8
- 9 time he took issue.
- 10 Q. Well, had you --
- 11 A. Other employees were allowed to take
- 12 boxes and not ask, and they didn't say nothing; and
- 13 this one, he took issue with me.
- 14 Q. You were earlier shown Exhibit Number 26,
- 15 which is an employee report form for June 22,
- 16 2007 ---
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. -- which indicates that you failed to
- 19 notify the foreman to verify and sign off on the
- 20 piece count. And you responded by saying "New
- system, getting used to system." 21
- 22 A. Yeah.
- 23 Q. Now, let me ask you this.
- 24 Mm-hmm.

- Q. Prior June of 2007, had you not been required to notify the foreman to verify and sign
- off on piece counts?
- 4 A. Normally we had to -- we had to start
- doing it by the piece count, only they didn't want
- it billed by the weight, they wanted it billed by
- the piece count, so we had to adhere to that.
- 8 Q. And so when do you recall the process
- changing, where --
- 10 A. Around --
- Q. -- Copper and Brass required that you 11
- 12 bill by piece rather than weight?
- 13 A. Must have been around this time, because
- 14 I said in my statement that it was a new system, and
- 15 I was getting used to it. So they probably just
- 16 implemented it to be that way all the time.
 - Q. All right. What was your job
- 18 classification at Copper and Brass Sales?
- 19 A. Order clerk.
 - Q. Was that your official job
- 21 classification, pursuant to the collect bargaining
- 22 agreement?

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- 23 A. Warehouseman, I guess is what they
- 24 basically called it. But if you break that down

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- 1 further, it would be order clerk.
- 2 Q. To your knowledge, did Tyler DeMien have
- the same job classification of warehouseman?
- A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And to your knowledge, did the other side
- loaders at Copper and Brass Sales, while you were
- apply -- while you were employed there, have the
- same job classification as warehousemen?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. During your employment with Copper and
- Brass Sales, you stated that there were other people
- 12 who handled shipping and receiving duties, correct?
 - A. Yes.

- 14 Q. Did those other persons that handled
- 15 shipping and receiving duties, to your knowledge,
- 16 also have the classification of warehouseman?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 During your employment at Copper and
- 19 Brass Sales, were there ever -- was there ever a
- 20 period of time where production errors were posted
- 21 for everyone to see?
- 22 A. Yes. Early on at different times they
- 23 had posted it, so we could be made aware of our
- 24 mistakes. They didn't always specify names or, you

- 1 know, stations, like RBW station or the sheet
- 2 station or like that. They would break it down like
- 3 that, as far as where the errors were coming from;
- 4 and there was quite a few from all over the shop, so
- 5 it was our goal to try to reduce the errors.
- 6 Q. When you confronted Mr. Fruehauf in the 7 parking lot --
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. -- after your termination, did you only
- 10 complain to him about the harassment you'd received
- 11 from Mark DeMien?
- 12 A. Yes, I basically talked to him about the
- 13 harassment issue, that I said over a course of time
- 14 I've made relatively few errors. And I says, you
- 15 know, I think other people made more, but I was the
- 16 only one that they took issue with.
- Q. When you spoke with Mr. Fruehauf on
- 18 December 4th, didn't you complain about being
- 19 terminated?
- 20 A. Yes, sure, of course, yes. I was
- 21 devastated. It was Christmastime, and it was not a
- 22 good time.
- 23 And when you met with Mr. Fruehauf in Q.
- 24 the ---

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- 1 incident that you claim was abusive and harassing
- 2 from Mr. DeMien?
- A. Yes. Mr. Fruehauf said he was going to
- 4 contact him, and he was going to call me in for an
- inter -- you know, to talk to me after he talked to
- them. But later that day he called me over the
- phone, and we had a conference call on the phone
- with the three people in the, in his office, being
- Mr. Fruehauf, Randy Lunt and Mark DeMien. And I was
- on -- at my house on the phone with them, on a
- 11 conference call.
- 12 Q. This was the very same day, December 4th?
- 13 A. Same day, yes.
- 14 MR. LINDEN: I'm going to object and move that
- 15 his response be stricken, because you asked him a
- 16 simple question whether or not Mr. Fruehauf ever
- 17 spoke to Mr. Garcia or Mr. Bishop.
- 18 BY MS. WEGNER:
- 19 O. Did Mr. --
- 20 A. I'm trying to explain what happened.
- 21 Q. No, no, no, no.
- 22 Did Mr. Fruehauf ever get back to you to
- 23 tell you whether or not he had interviewed
- 24 Mr. Garcia or Mr. Bishop?

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- A. His office.
- 2 Q. On December 4th, you went to his office.
- Did you suggest that he contact 3
- 4 Mr. Bishop or Mr. Garcia to confirm what you had
- indicated was the treatment you received?
- 6 MR. LINDEN: I'm going to object to the form of
- 7 the question. It's leading.

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9 BY THE WITNESS:

- 10 A. Yes, it was -- I did.
- 11 He seemed, Mr. Fruehauf seemed very
- 12 concerned that one of his employees would speak to
- 13 another employee like that, because if a
- 14 warehouseman spoke to anyone like that, the
- 15 warehouseman or boss, they would be terminated
- 16 immediately. And here his foreman was, was acting
- 17 very unprofessional. And he seemed very concerned
- 18 with it, and he seemed like he wanted to get to the
- 19 bottom of it.
- 20 So yes, he did say he was going to
- 21 interview Pat Bishop and Sergio Garcia to see what
- 22 actually happened.
- 23 Q. Do you know whether or not Mr. Fruehauf
- 24 ever interviewed Mr. Bishop or Mr. Garcia about the

- Yes, he did. He --
- Q. When did Mr. Fruehauf get back to you to
- advise you whether or not he had interviewed
- Mr. Garcia or Mr. Bishop?
 - A. On a phone call later that day.
- Q. And this is later December 4th that
 - Mr. Fruehauf contacted you?
 - A. Yes.
- 9 Q. What did Mr. Fruehauf tell you on
- 10 December 4th, regarding interviewing Mr. Garcia or
- Mr. Bishop about your complaints?
- A. He said that, that both of them, that
- 13 they said that they did not hear anything, when, in
- 14 fact, they witnessed the whole thing. Mr. Fruehauf
- 15 claimed that both of them said that they did not
- 16 hear anything.
- 17 Q. When Mr. Fruehauf contacted you by phone
- 18 later in the day on December 4th, did he tell you
- anything about any decision he had arrived at,
- 20 regarding your termination?
 - A. Well, after he lied and said about the,
- 22 the interview with Pat Bishop and Sergio Garcia,
- 23 after he lied and said he talked to them, when he
- 24 didn't, then he hung up on the phone. And so I

- 1 didn't get to hear the final, final words on the
- whole issue. 'Cause I called back a few minutes
- 3 later, and he wouldn't pick up.
- O. Okay. Now, did you ever come to learn, 4
- from either Mr. Bishop or Mr. Garcia, that
- Mr. Fruehauf had, in fact, not interviewed them
- regarding Mr. DeMien's --
- A. Yes. 8
- Q. -- Mr. DeMien's verbal abuse of you in
- 10 late August of 2007?
- A. Could you restate that, please. I got 11
- 12 lost in the beginning, or from the beginning to the
- 13 end. Could you --
- Q. Did you ever come to learn that 14
- 15 Mr. Fruehauf had, in fact, not interviewed
- 16 Mr. Bishop or Mr. Garcia, regarding Mr. DeMien's
- 17 verbal abuse of you on August 30, 2007?
- A. Yes, I did. 18
- 19 Q. And how did you come to learn
- 20 Mr. Fruehauf had, in fact, not interviewed
- 21 Mr. Bishop or Mr. Garcia, regarding Mr. DeMien's
- 22 verbal abuse of you on August 30, 2007?
- 23 A. When I went in for my hearing with Gino,

1 meeting with Randy Lunt, Gino, my union rep and Pete

24 my union representative, I went in for the final

2 LaRocco, my union steward, and I ran into Pat

5 say? Didn't you hear it or what?

3 Bishop. And I said, Pat, didn't you tell them that

4 you heard the whole conversation? Or what did you

He says, yeah, of course I heard it. I

was there, and I told you to hire a lawyer, that you

shouldn't let him talk to you that way. But he said

9 Fruehauf never asked us, he never asked if we

10 witnessed it. So in other words, he lied and said

11 that he did witness it, but he never did ask them if

14 Brass Sales, when did you begin completing the

A. That's hard to say. Probably at least

Q. And did you do anything different in the

21 way that you completed the production logs from the

A. Not so much. It basically stayed the

Q. During your employment with Copper and

- I think before we maybe didn't put times,
 - but I think the main thing was always add the work
 - order number, the pieces and the pounds and the date

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- and the shift and the station.
- 5 Q. And over the course of time, did it come
- to be that you began putting down the time you
- started the project?
- 8 A. Yeah, I think after a while they started
- requesting times, too.
- 10 Q. Okay. And so the work, the production
- 11 logs that you completed for November 28th and
- 12 November 29th, that we earlier looked at as
- 13 exhibits, did you do anything else in the way you
- 14 documented your work on those than on any other
- 15 logs?
- A. Basically the same. I just documented 16
- 17 that there were wrong sizes, because I couldn't fill
- 18 the order with the wrong material. It would have
- 19 been an error. So I had to stop right there and
- 20 pull off the order and notify the side load operator
- 21 that it was the wrong material.
- 22 Q. During your employment with Copper and
- 23 Brass Sales, were you ever instructed to only enter
- 24 completed projects on the production log?

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- A. I think that we were allowed to do both,
- we were allowed to do partials and completed.
- Mainly most of them that you put down there are
- 4 completed. Later in the day you may get some
- projects that go incompleted or that get canceled.
- 6 Sometimes the orders get canceled before you can
- finish them or right after you finish them.
- Q. To your knowledge, who replaced you in
- your packer position at Copper and Brass Sales?
- A. I believe Tyler DeMien replaced me and
- 11 was working overtime and -- I don't know if he's
- 12 still doing it, but he was doing it for a while.
 - Q. Prior to the production logs of
- 14 November 28th and November 29, 2007, had you ever
- 15 been accused of taking credit for the work of others
- 16 in your daily production log?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 When you had the conference call with
- 19 Mr. Fruehauf, Mr. Lunt, and Mr. DeMien on
- 20 December 4, 2007, did anyone else participate in
- 21 that call?
- 22 A. My wife. I talked to my wife for a
- 23 second briefly on the phone, when I was talking to
- time you began until your termination?
 - - 24 them. I asked Mr. Fruehauf to please hold for a

24 same.

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12 they saw it.

15 production logs?

17 ten or 15 years ago.

Q. Okay.

A. Quite a while back.

1 second. And I asked my wife, I told my wife,

- 2 they're lying to me, what do I do? They're lying.
- 3 They claimed that they talked to them and -- when
- 4 they didn't even talk to them, it turned out.
- Q. Were you ever made aware that it was the 5
- 6 policy of Copper and Brass Sales, pursuant to
- 7 Randy Lunt, that no one was terminated for
- documentation errors?
- A. Yes. Mr. Lunt told my wife that -- you
- 10 know, she was very concerned after, after the second
- 11 write-up or so. She was getting very concerned and
- 12 worried about the whole situation, as well as I was,
- 13 and so she talked to Mr. Lunt about certain issues
- 14 and stuff.
- 15 And Randy said that we had never
- 16 terminated anyone over-errors, that they'd always
- 17 just counseled them and tried to make them do
- 18 better.
- 19 Q. When, to your knowledge, did your wife
- 20 speak to --
- 21 That was sometime --
- 22 -- Mr. Lunt? O.
- 23 -- late in the fall. November, probably.
- And to your knowledge, did your wife 24

- your employment at Copper and Brass Sales?
- 2 A. Roughly, the production logs come in
 - about 15 -- 10 or 15 years ago, I'm not exactly
- sure. I would say probably 15, back in the day.
- I'm not sure.
- 6 Q. So did you ever receive any specific instruction on how to complete the production logs?
- A. Just fill them out the way we did, you
- know, the orders that you do; and, you know, for
- partials, they were obviously most of the time at
- 11 the end of the orders. Sometimes the partials come
- 12 in the middle of the orders, because you would do an
- order, and there wouldn't be enough stock to do the
- 14 order, so maybe some would come in the middle of the
- 15 orders occasionally.
- 16 But you try to document, if you can, but
- you couldn't -- the employees rarely documented
- everything that went through. You try to --
- 19 MR. LINDEN: I'm going to object and move to
- 20 strike as non-responsive.
- 21 BY MS. WEGNER:
- 22 Q. Earlier you talked about production logs,
- 23 where there were initials of other employees that
- 24 you believe completed work on a work order you had

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- 1 personally meet with Mr. Lunt to discuss the issues
- 2 of the write-ups that you received?
- 3 A. No, no, just talked over the phone.
- You earlier were asked about the
- 5 incidents involving data entry errors that you had
- 6 made.
- 7 Do you recall that?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Okay. Do you have any knowledge of other
- 10 employees making data entry errors?
- 11 A. I'm sure there was some, because there
- 12 was a lot of errors made. But I can't specify,
- 13 without the company documentation. I mean they have
- 14 a record of every error.
- 15 Q. How do you know the company has a record
- 16 of every error?
- 17 A. They used to post them, and they keep
- 18 track of them.
- 19 Q. When was the last time you saw errors
- 20 posted?
- 21 A. I can't even remember the last time. I
- 22 think they quit doing it the last year or two.
- Q. And as you sit here today, do you recall
- 24 when you began completing production logs during

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- 1 worked on, that they had completed that on a
- different shift.
- 3 Do you remember that?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 MR. LINDEN: I'm going to object. It's a
- 6 mischaracterization of his testimony.
- BY MS. WEGNER:
- Q. Do you know whether or not Zidro Garcia
- 9 created production logs, when he worked in packing
- 10 in Copper and Brass Sales on the second shift?
 - A. Yes.

- 12 Q. Okay. And do you know whether or not
- 13 Zidro Garcia's production logs would include the
- 14 same, some of the same work orders that were on your
- 15 production logs, because he completed work on
- 16 projects you had worked on?
- A. Yes, I started the project on that one in 17
- 18 particular with Zidro. I started the order, but the
- 19 metal was the wrong size. So I told the side loader
- 20 operator that pulled the wrong size, I said, look,
- 21 Lizardo, you pulled the wrong stuff. Do not ship
- 22 it.
- 23 I also told the second shift guy that had
- 24 come in early, which I noted on my production log

- 1 that I told Arty that it was the wrong size pull.
- 2 That's right here, I told Arty that that was the
- 3 wrong size pull. So basically I was only able to
- 4 partial the order. I could not complete it, because
- 5 it was the wrong size, so I documented that all on
- 6 the order.
- 7 MS. WEGNER: I don't have anything else.
- 8 MR. LINDEN: I have some follow-up questions.
- 9 EXAMINATION
- 10 BY MR. LINDEN:
- 11 Q. I'm trying to reconcile your testimony
- 12 earlier today to what you just testified to,
- 13 Mr. Wingo.
- 14 When I was asking you questions, I asked
- 15 you questions about whether or not you had any
- 16 complaints with the way your union represented you,
- 17 and you responded no.
- Do you remember that?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Okay. And yet in response to your
- 21 counsel's questioning you testified that you felt
- 22 the union did not adequately represent you.
- 23 A. Yes, it's a later stage --
- Q. It's a simple yes or no. I'm not asking

- Q. Near the end, let's talk about near the
- 2 end. Let's see if we can be a little more precise
- 3 today, okay, Mr. Wingo?
 - A. Sure, sure.
- 5 Q. When was it that you first started having
- problems with Mr. LaRocco?
 - A. During some of the representations where
- 8 he would maybe -- Pete LaRocco was accused of being
- 9 sold out by --

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- 10 Q. I'm going to have to interrupt you. The
- 11 question simply called for when. That means a day.
- 12 A. I don't know.
- 13 Q. Was it 2007, was it 2006, was it 1999?
- 14 A. Off and on, maybe, over a three-year
- 15 period.
- 16 Q. When did it start?
- 17 A. I don't know, specifically.
- 18 Q. Can't recall specifically?
- 19 A. Off and on, over a three-year period.
- 20 Q. Let me ask you this, Mr. Wingo. You
- 21 obviously know how to file a lawsuit, because you
- 22 filed a lawsuit here.
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. You just testified moments ago that you

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- 1 for anything else, Mr. Wingo.
- 2 And then you testified that, something to
- 3 the effect that you didn't file any grievances,
- 4 because you would be retaliated against, because you
- 5 would lose your overtime opportunities.
- 6 Do you remember testifying to that?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Ever complain to Pete LaRocco about that?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. When?
- 11 A. On numerous occasions. That's why I
- 12 couldn't have Pete represent me, because he didn't
- 13 always give me a fair shake, especially near the
- 14 end, before I was terminated.
- 15 Q. Okay. Let's deal with another seeming
- 16 inconsistency with your testimony.
- 17 Earlier, do you remember me asking you
- 18 questions about whether or not Pete LaRocco
- 19 represented you properly, and you indicated that he
- 20 did?
- 21 A. Well, as overall view, yes, he was okay.
- 22 Q. Oh, I see.
- A. But in certain specifics near the end he
- 24 was not very good.

- 1 felt you were not adequately represented by your
- 2 union, correct?
- 3 A. Yes.
 - Q. How come you didn't sue the Teamsters?
- 5 A. I thought about it.
- 6 Q. How come you didn't sue them?
 - I didn't ask you whether or not you
- 8 thought about it. How come you didn't sue them?
- 9 A. I couldn't afford it. I couldn't afford
- 10 it.

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- 11 Q. Are you paying your current counsel by
- 12 the hour?
- 13 MS. WEGNER: I object. Attorney-client
- 14 privilege.
- MR. LINDEN: I hate to tell you that's not
- 16 attorney-client privilege. But if you want to
- 17 instruct him not to answer, let me forewarn you,
- 18 I'll seek the appropriate relief.
- 19 Are you asking him not to answer that question?
- 20 BY THE WITNESS:
- 21 A. What is the question again?
- 22 MS. WEGNER: Yes, I am, anything related to his
- 23 communications or his arrangements with his
- 24 attorney.

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- 1 MR. LINDEN: That's clearly discoverable, so
- 2 I'm going to -- again, we're just building a list
- 3 here of things that we're just going be coming back
- to continue your deposition, Mr. Wingo.
- 5 So just so I'm clear, counsel, and the record
- 6 is going to reflect this, so I can seek the
- appropriate relief.

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- 9 BY MR. LINDEN:
- 10 Q. Mr. Wingo, are you paying your counsel on
- 11 an hourly basis?
- 12 MS. WEGNER: Same objection, and he will not
- 13 answer.
- 14 MR. LINDEN: So you're instructing your witness
- 15 not to answer that question?
- MS. WEGNER: That is correct. 16
- 17 BY MR. LINDEN:
- 18 Q. And with regard to not being able to
- 19 afford to sue the Teamsters, who did you -- who are
- 20 you going to retain in that regard?
- A. What are you talking about? If I'm not 21
- 22 suing them, why would I retain an attorney?
- 23 Q. Well, you concluded it would be too
- 24 expensive to sue them, so you must be considering

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- 1 retaining someone, Mr. Wingo.
- 2 I appreciate your hand gesture and your
- 3 facial gesture.
- A. I don't understand what you're saying. 4
- 5 She told you --
- 6 MS. WEGNER: I object. That may conceivably
- 7 call for attorney-client privilege. It may call for
- speculation.
- MR. LINDEN: Your objection's noted, counsel. 9
- 10 You want to read back my question, please?
- 11 Never mind.
- 12 BY MR. LINDEN:
- 13 Q. Here's the question, Mr. Wingo.
- 14 Hopefully you can answer directly.
- 15 On what basis did you conclude it would
- 16 be too expensive to sue the Teamsters?
- 17 A. It's not cheap.
- 18 Q. But on what basis did you come to that
- 19 conclusion?
- 20 Are you just speculating?
- 21 A. Because attorneys are not cheap, it's
- 22 not --
- 23 Q. Did you consult with any attorneys,
- 24 possibly, about suing the Teamsters?

- A. Yes. I made phone calls.
- 2 Q. And did you ever complain to Gino
- Rodriguez that you thought Pete LaRocco was not
- doing an effective job?
- 5 A. Yes, I told him -- yes, sir.
- 6 Q. When was the first time you complained
- 7 to Gino Rodriguez?
- 8 A. Probably five years ago.
 - Q. You've got to wait. I don't know how
- 10 many times I have to tell you that.
- 11 A. Can I take a break? I need to use the
- 12 restroom.
- 13 MR. LINDEN: Let the record reflect that the
- 14 witness has gotten up on his own and is leaving the
- 15 room.
- 16 MS. WEGNER: He's requested a break.
- MR. LINDEN: Let the -- in the middle of the 17
- 18 question, he's gotten up, claiming he's got to use
- 19 the restroom.
- 20 MS. WEGNER: I don't think that was in the
- 21 middle of the question.
 - (WHEREUPON, a recess was had.)
- 23 BY MR. LINDEN:
- Q. Let me ask you this, Mr. Wingo: Does the

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- 1 fact that you're ill, does it have something to do
- 2 with the fact that when I was cross-examining you,
- you had no questions with your union representation;
- 4 but when your attorney asked you questions, you then
- 5 concluded that there were problems with its
- 6 representation of you?
- A. Well, I thought more the issue is where,
- 8 for some of the other issues, I didn't think that my
- union steward was the issue. I thought we were here
- 10 for the other issues.
- 11 Q. Well, Mr. Wingo, you know, I asked you
- 12 today, if any time you had any difficulty
- 13 understanding any of my questions, to let me know.
- A. I tried to. 14
- 15 Wait a minute.
- And as you may recall, when I asked you 16
- 17 questions about whether or not you had any quarrels
- 18 with your union representation, first of all, you
- never indicated any difficulty understanding the
- 20 question; and secondly, you said there was no
- 21 problems with their representing you.
- 22 Do you recall that?
- 23 Yes, I do; and overall there was no A.
- 24 problem.

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- 1 Q. It's a simple yes or no, Mr. Wingo.
- 2 So how was it that after we broke for
- 3 lunch, had other breaks this afternoon, that you
- 4 somehow came to the realization, when your attorney
- 5 asked you virtually the same question that I did,
- 6 you had an opposite response?
- A. I didn't want to drag the whole union
- 8 issue into the thing. I thought we were here for
- 9 the Copper and Brass versus me, not for the union
- 10 issue.
- 11 O. Let's explore that.
- 12 A. I don't want to battle the union and you
- 13 guys. My fight is with Copper and Brass. They're
- 14 the ones that terminated me.
- 15 Q. That's not my question. My question was,
- 16 how can you reconcile, so your explanation is you
- 17 lied to me this morning --
- 18 A. I never lied.
- 19 Q. Hold on. I'm asking a question.
- 20 Mr. Wingo, for I don't know how many times, I'm
- 21 going to ask you, please, show me the courtesy of
- 22 letting me ask my questions, before you interrupt.
- 23 So as I understand your testimony now,
- 24 you decided to lie to me, in response to my question

- 1 would be retaliated against in losing overtime
- 2 opportunities, if you filed any grievances, correct?
 - A. Yes.

A. Yes.

- 4 Q. Okay. And you said the foreman would
- 5 get -- got even with other employees for doing that,
- 6 correct?
- 8 Q. Who, who was the foreman that got even
- with other employees for filing grievances?
- 10 A. I can't say at this time. I don't know
- 11 all the names, dates and everything; but that was
- 12 standard procedure throughout the years.
- 13 Q. And when you say, "throughout the years,"
- 14 how many years back are we talking about?
- 15 A. I was there 24 years.
- 16 Q. So it was throughout the 24 years?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. So if you filed a grievance during those
- 19 24 years, you would lose your overtime
- 20 opportunities?
- 21 A. Correct.
 - Q. You filed a grievance, you said, on a few
- 23 occasions, as you recall?
- A. Only a few, yes.

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- 1 about your union representing you, because you
- 2 didn't want to get the union involved in this? Am I
- 3 correct in interpreting what you just said?
- 4 MS. WEGNER: I object. That's a
- 5 mischaracterization of the man's testimony.
- 6 BY MR. LINDEN:
- 7 O. I'm waiting for an answer, Mr. Wingo.
- 8 A. Is that a yes or no?
- 9 MR. LINDEN: Why don't you read back the
- 10 question, so we can help the witness, so we'll see
- 11 if it's a yes or no answer.
- 12 (WHEREUPON, the record was read
- by the reporter.)
- 14 A. I guess that's a ves.
- 15 Q. Anything else you lied about, in answer
- 16 to any of my questions today?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. But if something else occurs to you that
- 19 you might have lied about, while we're still here,
- 20 you'll be kind enough to let me know?
- 21 A. Certainly.
- 22 Q. So you indicated also, in response to
- 23 questions by your counsel, contrary to what you
- 24 testified to this morning, that you believed you

- Q. Only a few. And how do you define only a
- 2 few?

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- 3 A. What, did we find two, I think we saw.
 - Q. So your definition of a few, so I'm sure
- 5 I understand you today, would be two?
- 6 A. Yes.
- O. And on the two occasions that you filed
- 8 grievances, were you retaliated against, and you
- 9 lost overtime opportunities?
- 10 A. I'll never know. I mean they didn't ask
- 11 me to work overtime on certain occasions, so I --
- 12 yes, I wasn't asked all the time, so possibly, yes.
- 13 Q. Well, hold on. Again, your response here
- 14 was pretty confusing. First, you said you'd never
- 15 know.

- 16 A. So are the questions. I mean the
- 17 questions are --
 - Q. I'm speaking right now. Again --
- 19 A. Okav.
- Q. -- please show me that courtesy. I might
- 21 as well just have a tape here playing it, when I ask
- 22 my questions.
- 23 Your testimony seems to suggest you don't
- 24 know, and now you're guessing you know.

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1 Did you, in fact, ever lose any overtime

- opportunities, as a result of filing a grievance? Yes. I was not asked to work overtime. 3
- 4 And when was that, sir?
- A. On many occasions, but I can't specify,
- 6 because it was at times that I didn't work, or was not asked.
- Q. So wait a minute. You're claiming that
- you lost overtime opportunities for filing
- 10 grievances before, but you did not work on those 11 days?
- 12 A. Right. I wasn't allowed to work on
- 13 certain days that I wasn't asked.
- 14 Q. And do you know who made those decisions?
- 15 The foremans, they were --Α.
- 16 Who were the foremans? O.
- 17 A. Mark DeMien and various ones.
- 18 Q. Okay. When was the last time you filed a
- 19 grievance before your termination?
- A. Like I said before, two years before. 20
- 21 2005, correct? Q.
- 22 A. Correct.
- 23 Q. All right. Are you claiming that in
- 24 2005, after you filed a grievance, that you lost

- A. Mark DeMien.
- 2 Q. What proof do you have that Mark DeMien,

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- 3 in 2005, denied you an overtime opportunity, because
- you filed a grievance about -- I'm talking, sir.
- 5 I'm beginning to suspect you do that intentionally.
 - A. I'm just trying to answer your question.
 - Q. How could you be answering my question.
- if I'm not even done with my question?
- A. I thought you were done. I'm sorry, I
- 10 thought you were done.
- 11 MR. LINDEN: Why don't you read back my
- 12 question, please.
- 13 (WHEREUPON, the record was read
- 14 by the reporter.)
- 15 BY THE WITNESS:
- 16 A. I don't have any proof.
 - Q. Thank you.
- 18 Let's talk about Exhibit 28, which is the
- 19 October 10, 2007 discipline. I put Exhibit 28
- before you, Mr. Wingo.
- 21 Your testimony now, in response to
- 22 questions from your counsel, you tried to blame what
- 23 happened there on the person who gave you the
- 24 product, correct?

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- 1 overtime opportunities?
- 2 A. Yes. I lost overtime opportunities
- 3 throughout the years.
 - Q. I'm not talking about throughout the
- years. Now let's focus, Mr. Wingo. It's late, my
- patience is kind of wearing thin, given your
- 7 habitual nonresponsiveness here today.
- 8 The question is, and it's very simple:
- and again, if you have difficulty understanding it,
- 10 let me know. And also please let me finish my
- 11 question before you barge in. Okay?
- 12 You say you filed a grievance in 2005,
- 13 correct?

- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Now you seem to be suggesting for the
- 16 first time that in 2005, after you filed a
- grievance, you were retaliated against by denying an
- 18 overtime opportunity, correct?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Okay. Who denied you an overtime
- 21 opportunity, as a direct result of you filing a
- 22 grievance in 2005?
- 23 The foremans.
- 24 What foremans?

- A. Right, they pulled the wrong material.
- 2 Q. You still processed, even though it was
- brought to the wrong area, correct?
 - A. I did not catch it.
- 5 Q. Okay. And that would have been your
- responsibility, correct?
 - Correct.
 - Okay. Now, let's talk about Exhibit 37,
- so I'm sure I understand your testimony. This is
- your daily production log for November 29, 2007.
 - As I understand your testimony, in
- 12 response to a question by your counsel, the times
 - you have in the column "Stop Time" are the actual
- 14 start times for when you start working on these
- 15 projects.
- 16 A. I'm not sure on all of them that they
- 17 were start or stop times. I just tried to document
- 18 some time there.
- 19 Q. Well, how would the person relying on
- 20 this document know whether or not it was a start
- time or a stop time -- I'm not done -- if you're sitting here today, looking at your own document,
- 23 can't tell us whether or not the time is a stop time
- 24 or start time?

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Page 317 They could get a random, pretty close 1 time to what it was. 3 A random close time to what? 4 To what time it was done, or started. 5 Well, let's take an example here. Let's

look at item number 10. You have, in the column 6 "Stop time," "10:02." 7

For item number 10, was that a stop time 8 9 or a start time?

10 A. It's hard to tell at this point now.

Q. So somebody picking this sheet up cold, 11

12 whether it was somebody on the next shift or some --

13 or Mr. Lunt or Mr. DeMien, they could not be able to

14 determine, by looking at your document, whether or

15 not the time in the "Stop Time" column is a stop

16 time or a start time?

17 A. These are not totally accurate times.

18 They're pretty close to the time. I mean they're --

19 Q. Sir, I'm not asking you whether or not 20 they're accurate.

21 My question was, somebody picking this

22 document up could not be able to ascertain whether

23 or not the time in the "Stop Time" column is a start

24 time or a stop time, correct?

1 (WHEREUPON, the record was read

> 2 by the reporter.)

BY THE WITNESS:

4 A. I believe most of them were stop times.

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BY MR. LINDEN:

6 Q. So hold on a second. So you -- now it's

a different story. Most of the times in the stop

time columns on the November 29th Exhibit 37,

they're actually stop times?

10 A. Well, at the top of the page, you'll see 11 that it stays "Start Time" and "Stop Time" --

Mr. Wingo ---

13 A. -- so I tried to be as accurate as I

14 could.

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15 Q. Are those stop times or start times?

16 A. I can't remember. I honestly can't

17 remember. I thought they were mostly start times,

18 but I think the last one was definitely a stop time,

19 because the clock ran out.

20 Q. You would agree, Mr. Wingo, there's

21 nothing in your document, based on your struggle to

figure out what those times are indicative of, to

23 indicate whether they were a start time or a stop

24 time?

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1 A. Possibly. Probably.

2 Q. Well, what, what in this document, in

3 Exhibit 37, would clue somebody in, picking this

4 document up, like me or, for that matter,

5 Randy Lunt, that the times in this column are start

times, as you claim they were?

A. I can't remember if they were start times

or stop times in all of them. I tried to give a

pretty close time to it all the time. Sometimes

10 you're not at the thing where you can write it down.

11 Q. Do you recall, in answer to questions by

12 your counsel about the times in the column on that

13 document, you said those were start times?

14 A. I believe we tried to be accurate for

15 start times.

16 Q. Again, I'm not asking about accuracy.

17 Do you recall, in response to questions

18 by your counsel, you indicated that the times in the

"Stop Time" columns were start times?

20 A. I'm getting confused.

21 MS. WEGNER: I object. Asked and answered.

22 MR. LINDEN: Well, eventually it will be

23 answered. So far he hasn't answered it.

Why don't you read back my question, please. 24

MS. WEGNER: Object on the basis of form and

2 foundation.

BY THE WITNESS:

A. I'm not -- could you rephrase it? Could

you simplify and rephrase it?

6 Q. I'll be happy to rephrase.

7 A. Could I please talk?

Q. You're not going to talk, and you're not

going to argue with me.

10 A. I just want to make a point. I can't

understand your questions. You need to simplify

12 them, they're too wordy and they're -- I just --

13 please simplify them, and I can give you more direct

14 answers.

15 Q. They're pretty simple, Mr. Wingo. Kindly 16 refrain interrupting me like you've been doing

17 throughout the course of this deposition.

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We're now well into this deposition, and

19 for the first time you're now claiming the questions 20 are a little too complicated?

21 A. They've been that way all along. I've

22 been trying to answer you all the way through, and

23 they're all very wordy.

Q. Sort of like your testimony?

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- They're all 30 words per question.
- 2 There's no -- you know.
- O. Mr. Wingo, that's sort of like your 3
- testimony. You're shifting testimony about.
- A. You wanted yes or no answers. 5
- 6 MS. WEGNER: There is no reason to have this.
- THE WITNESS: Okay, I'm just trying to be 7
- helpful. I'm trying to get through this.
- He's asking me long questions, and there's no
- 10 yes or no to his questions. It's very wordy and
- 11 confusing.

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- 12 MS. WEGNER: All right.
- 13 BY MR. LINDEN:
- 14 Q. Well, unfortunately, the thing that's
- 15 confusing today, Mr. Wingo, is your continuously
- 16 shifting testimony. So again, let's try to focus on
- 17 Exhibit 37 and let's see if maybe we can get a
- 18 consistent answer from you regarding the document.
- 19 I'm gathering, from your story moving
- 20 back and forth, you cannot tell us today whether or
- 21 not the times you noted in Exhibit 37 are start
- 22 times or stop times.

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- 23 A. Okay, what I'm saying is this: Most of
- 24 them are all stop times -- start times.

Q. Let's again, again, the record's going to

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- 2 reflect you can't tell a consistent story here,
- Mr. Wingo.
 - A. It's what it says right there.
- 5 Q. You just testified a moment ago, and I'll
- let the record stay as it is, that all the times
- except the last times entered were start times.
- A. I believe most of them are all start
- 9 times, yes.
- 10 Q. Well, again, your story changes.
- 11 A. But it also -- well, because at the top
- 12 of the page it says "Start Time" and "Stop Time" so
- 13 it's both. I mean this is when I started this
- 14 one --
- 15 Q. Mr. Wingo, again, which -- just listen to
- 16 my question.
- 17 Which one of the times in items 1 through
- 18 20 are start times?
- 19 A. I believe most of them are start times.
 - Q. Well, most of them. Which ones are not
- 21 start times?

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- The bottom one. 22 A.
 - Which item number is that?
- 24 Number 21.

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- Q. So all except item --
- 2 A. Excuse me, 20, 20.
- 3 Q. All except item 20 are start times?
 - A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Okay.
- 6 A. No, wait, wait, you twisted that.
- Number 20 is a stop time because the bell rang. I
- wasn't able to complete the order.
- Q. I think you already just testified to 9
- 10 that, Mr. Wingo.
- 11 A. I just told you, that's the way it was.
- 12 Q. So all the other times that you've noted
- 13 on your document, with the exception of 20, they're
- 14 start times?
- 15 A. Pretty much so.
- Q. And how would somebody picking up that 16
- 17 document know that all the other times are start
- 18 times?
- 19 A. It's not an exact science. It's just to
- 20 give the boss -- like the boss always said, it's
- just at random times, to give us an idea of what's
- 22 going on.
- 23 Q. Again, you didn't answer my question,
- 24 Mr. Wingo.

Q. Again, I'm going to interrupt you,

- Mr. Wingo. You're not answering my question.
- 3 A. Okay, what is the question?
- 4 MR. LINDEN: Ask the question, please.
- 5 (WHEREUPON, the record was read
- 6 by the reporter.)
- 7 BY THE WITNESS:
- A. Most of them are stop -- start times.
- That's what I'm trying to explain. Most of them are
- 10 all start times.
- 11 Q. You tell me which ones, going by items,
- 12 are start times.
- 13 A. All these. All the ones, except for the
- 14 last one. The last one is a stop time, because the
- 15 bell rang.
- 16 Q. So again, let's make sure the record
- 17 reflects what you just testified to.
- 18 So your testimony today, under sworn
- 19 oath, is that in Exhibit 37, items 1 through 22 --20 actually, 20, 1 through 20, the times you've entered
- 21 into the "Stop Time" column are start times?
- 22 A. That's both a start and a stop time it
- 23 says right at the top of the page, start and stop 24 times, does it not, right here.

- 1 How would somebody picking up that 2 document know the times are start times?
- 3 A. The boss would know.
- 4 O. Who is the boss?
- 5 A. Randy Lunt would know, because he said,
- 6 just try to get a general time.
- 7 Q. Randy Lunt, picking that document up,
- 8 would know that your entries are start times?
- 9 A. Yes. That's what it says, your start
- 10 time.
- 11 Q. Well, it also says "Stop Time," like you 12 indicated.
- 13 A. We'll, that's what I mean, it's kind of
- 14 confusing. But yes, those are when the orders were
- 15 started.
- 16 I mean it's kind of a confusing document.
- 17 Q. You're confused by the document?
- 18 A. Well, like you say, it has both start and
- 19 stop times.
- Q. My question is, you're confused by the
- 21 document?
- A. Occasionally.
- 23 Q. And you were confused by it at the time
- 24 you were employed at Copper and Brass?

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- 1 A. Occasionally.
- 2 Q. You know, I gathered from your testimony
- 3 here today, Mr. Wingo, you disagree with about all
- 4 the discipline you received that you've been asked
- 5 questions about today; am I right?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 Q. Well, what discipline don't you --
- 8 A. There was some issues that -- I don't
- 9 recall exactly which ones, but there was some I
- 10 didn't, I didn't agree with, and there were some
- 11 that were my fault. I'm not perfect, I made some
- 12 mistakes.
- 13 Q. And you testified, in response to
- 14 questions by your counsel, that some of the stuff
- 15 you couldn't recall, because you were asked
- 16 questions about some things that had happened
- 17 seven years ago?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. And I'm assuming things that occurred
- 20 even longer ago than seven years ago, your
- 21 recollection would be even less reliable?
- 22 A. Sometimes ---
- 23 MS. WEGNER: Objection, calls for speculation.
- 24 You can answer.

1 BY THE WITNESS:

- 2 A. Sometimes you remember stuff more vividly
- 3 and sometimes you don't. I just can't have total
- 4 recall on everything that ever happened in my life,
- 5 or even seven years ago.
- 6 BY MR. LINDEN:

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- Q. Let's talk about Exhibit 24. This is the
- 8 discipline you received back in March of 2006.
- Now, you indicated, in response to
- 10 questions from your counsel, there were other
- 11 employees who were allowed to take home product.
 - A. Just materials, sometimes thrown away
- 13 wood, they were able to take wood out. I mean they
- 14 didn't care if they took firewood home.
- 15 Q. And who were these other employees?
- 16 A. Ray Cather used to take wood home.
- 17 Q. When you say "wood," what, this would be
- 18 like wood from scaffolding or?
- 19 A. Scrap wood. Anything that would end up
- 20 in the dumpster that they would throw away, they
- 21 would let us take home.
- As a matter of fact, I used to get wood
- 23 for Randy Lunt, the boss. He would tell me to get
- 24 him a couple boxes of firewood, and I would do that.

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- 1 Q. Now, with regard to the incident that you
- 2 got disciplined in March 2006, it didn't involve
- 3 scrap wood, did it?
- 4 A. Yes, it was scrap masonite.
- 5 Q. Is masonite wood?
- 6 A. Basically.
- 7 Q. Basically?
- 8 A. Isn't it particle wood, masonite? It's
- 9 like pressed wood, whatever you want to call it?
- 10 Q. Well, what's the masonite used for at
- 11 Copper and Brass?
- 12 A. Some of it's used -- full sheets are used
- 13 for protection of the metal.
- 14 Q. And is it used to ship stuff to
- 15 customers?

- A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Okay. So besides Ray Cather, did any
- 18 other employees ever take home wood, masonite or
- 19 anything like that?
- A. Some employees took boxes and stuff,
- 21 some -- you know, that was basically it, mainly
- 22 firewood.
- Q. Who are employees who took away boxes?
- 24 A. Pete LaRocco used to take moving boxes.

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2		2	He had it taken out. So that's why I didn't know if I should say it. Pat had that he fought the
3	Q. Now, you indicated that the side loader	3	whole thing.
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5	actually warehouse clerks?	5	
6	A. Warehousemen.	6	
7	Q. Well, there's a job classification	7	
8	warehouse clerk, isn't there?	8	
9	A. Probably.	9	John Weller Helder
10	Q. What do you mean, "Probably"?	10	
11	A. Well, our classification was overall	11	Bishop getting disciplined?
12	warehousemen, and then you break it down to order	12	1 8 8
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14		14	and a gire value of against
15	Q. And you had different duties and	15	
16	responsibilities than the side load operator,	16	
17	correct?	17	
18	A. Yes.	18	
19	 Q. And you had different duties and 	19	
20	responsibilities than the shipping and receiving	20	
21	clerks?	21	A. He had mentioned he got an attorney, and
22	A. Yes.	22	I didn't know what he was how far he went with
23	Q. Now, when you complained to Bill Fruehauf	23	it. He said he was probably getting an attorney.
24	about Mark DeMien swearing at you in August of 2007,	24	Q. When did he tell you that?
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1	you had already been terminated, correct?	1	A. Somewhere in the fall, I believe it was.
2	A. Yes.	2	Q. Before or after you were terminated?
3	Q. Now, this conference call you	3	A. I think it was before.
4	described when was the last time you spoke to	4	Q. All right. Then you indicated that you
5	Sergio Garcia?	5	believe Tyler DeMien replaced you, correct?
6	A. I haven't talked to Sergio since I was	6	A. He did. He was working in my position,
7	terminated.	7	yes.
8	Q. When was the last time you spoke to Pat	8	Q. Well, let's talk about that.
9	Bishop?	9	The last time you worked at Copper and
10	A. I ran into Pat on the last day of my	10	Brass was on December 3, 2007?
11	grievance procedure, on the very last one.	11	A. Yes.
12	Q. Was Pat Bishop ever disciplined by	12	Q. And currently, do you know if Tyler
13	Mark DeMien?	13	DeMien's employed by Copper and Brass?
14	MS. WEGNER: Object, calls for speculation.	14	A. Yes.
15	BY THE WITNESS:	15	Q. Do you know what shift he's working on?
16	A. I don't know.	16	A. I don't know for sure.
17	BY MR. LINDEN:	17	Q. So you were working on the first shift,
18	Q. Well, let's see if I can help you out.	18	correct?
19	A. Probably, yes. Yes, he was wrote up that	19	A. Correct.
20	same day, right, of the verbal harassment; yes, he	20	Q. You would agree with me, if he was
21	was.	21	working on some shift other than that, the second or
22	Q. So the very same day that you got	22	third shift, he didn't replace you?
23	verbally	23	A. Right. I don't know. I don't know if he
24	A. Wait, that was stricken from the case.	24	did or not.

- 1 2 Brass never hired anybody to replace you?
- A. I think they did replace me, yes, but I'm 3

O. And so as far as you know, Copper and

- 4 not sure by who and when.
- O. Okay. So you're speculating that you 5 think they might have replaced you.
- A. Well, they had to. It was an everyday job. They had to eventually replace me.
- Q. Do you know for a fact whether or not you
- 10 were replaced? A. Mark DeMien -- the younger guy replaced 11
- 12 me immediately, the next day or two. I know that.
- 13 Other than that, I don't know really, you know, the
- 14 total, the total --
- 15 O. And how do you know that? How do you
- 16 know the next day or so Tyler DeMien replaced you?
- A. I talked to one of the employees, and he 17
- 18 said that Tyler was doing the job.
- And who was the employee who told you 19
- 20 that?
- 21 That was Lance.
- Mr. Amack? 22 Q.
- 23 Yes. A.
- And so when did he tell you that? 24

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- A. I can't remember exactly when. It was
- 2 around, right after the termination, somewhere in
- 3 December.
- O. But you don't know whether or not 4
- 5 Mr. DeMien was simply temporarily filling you until
- 6 such time as they permanently replaced you, if they
- were going to --
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And would there possibly have been a job 10 posting?
- A. There should have been, yes. 11
- Q. And so you don't know, sitting here 12
- 13 today, who, if anyone, would have permanently
- 14 replaced you?
- 15 A. Correct.
- 16 Q. All right. Now, let's talk about this
- 17 conference call that took place on December 4th,
- 18 involving Mr. Fruehauf.
- 19 Your wife was also involved in that call?
- 20 A. Yes, she was in the background, and she
- understood, you know, a little of what was going on.
- 22 Q. Did you let Mr. Fruehauf know that your
- 23 wife was on the telephone?
- 24 No. She was not on the phone, she was in

1 the background listening -- not listening, but I was

- talking. I was talking on the phone, she was
- hearing me talk.
 - Q. She wasn't on the other phone?
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- Q. So she only heard what you were saying
- 7 and not --
- 8 A. Right.
 - Q. And so you also said that your wife
- 10 supposedly had a conversation with Randy Lunt,
- 11 something to the effect where he told you no one
- 12 would be terminated for documentation errors?
- 13 A. Yes, that no one had ever been terminated 14 for errors.
- O. And when did that conversation take 15
- 16 place? 17 A. That was in November, sometime I believe
- 18 in early November.
- 19 Q. And this is what, after you had been
- 20 disciplined?
- 21 A. Correct.
- 22 Q. In what your wife was --
- 23 I think it was after the three-day
- 24 suspension, my wife became concerned. And I was

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- 1 talking to Randy on the phone, and then she asked if
- she could ask him a few questions.
- 3 Q. You obviously didn't participate in that
- 4 conversation?
- A. No. 5
- Q. And the only participants in this
- conversation would have been your wife and
- Randy Lunt?
- 9 A. Yes.

- 10 Q. And how long did they talk for?
- 11 A. I don't recall exactly how much time,
- 12 maybe five minutes.
 - Q. And what, your wife called Randy Lunt?
- 14 A. No, I was talking to Randy. I had called
- 15 him and I was talking to him, and then she asked if
- she could ask him a few questions.
- 17 Q. So you originally called Randy Lunt?
- 18 A. Correct.
- 19 Q. And why did you call Randy?
- 20 A. 'Cause I was concerned about my job I
- didn't want to lose my job. I had been there
- 24 years, I was trying to protect my job. So I
- 23 says, Randy, you know, what's going on? How are we
- 24 looking here?

1 you won't have problems?

And he says, just do the orders, make 2 sure you do them right, slow down and make sure you 3 get them right. He said, slow down and make sure

A. He said slow down on everything, measure it. He says, do all the procedures right and make

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you get them right. 5

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sure you get it right.

But after he told me to slow down, then the next week or so he's telling me to speed up with

And I said, okay, I'll slow down, like you said, and do it right. And so I tried to be cautious and do everything right.

the production. And I couldn't do that, because there wasn't a lot of orders all the time, so it was a very tricky time.

Q. All right, your testimony's a little bit different than what it was a couple of minutes ago.

10 Q. Well, speed up with production doesn't 11 mean you speed up with your paperwork, does it? 10 A couple of minutes ago it was about Randy Lunt

12 A. What does speeding up mean to you? It

telling you about making sure you did your paperwork 12 right. Now it seems to be -- I'm talking,

13 means hurry up everywhere, to me.

Mr. Wingo. 13

14 Q. Speeding up with production means 15 processing orders. He felt that you were doing 14 So now your testimony is Mr. Lunt was 15 telling you to do something else, in addition to the

16 50 percent less of the number of orders --

16 paperwork, also pick up your pace on your 17 production.

17 A. There was only on two occasions. That 18 was taken out of context. There was two bad days in

18 Is that what you're claiming Randy Lunt 19 said in this phone conversation?

19 there where there weren't many orders, and there was 20 no orders to produce. The guy at nights did eight,

20 A. I'm saying that all along Randy said,

21 I did 12; I mean, you know. Q. This is what Mr. Lunt was telling you, 22

21 slow down and make sure you get the orders right.

23 when he meant speed up production, correct? 24

That's what I'm saying. 23

Notwithstanding the fact you might have

Slow down and get your paperwork right? 24 Slow down and get your paperwork right,

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1 your packing right the whole job do the order right

1 disagreed with him, he was telling you that you had to be doing as many orders as the other people? 3

basically is what he was saying. Not just

Which I was, most of the time. 4 But that was his opinion, he thought you Q. 5 weren't.

paperwork. Paperwork's only part of the order. You know, you got to do the physical part of the order, 5

Q. And you agree, it's very important, it

6 A. The average sheet looks like this. When an employee does his sheet back there, it mostly looks like this. This is an average day for most of

was an essential function of your job to do your paperwork right?

the employees back then. This was an average day 10 for me, this is how many I normally did, okay.

9 A. Sure, yes. 10

Some days, if we were busy, I did more; 11 12 and if we were less, you saw that it would be less

Q. And you would agree, if you didn't do 11 your paperwork right, that the company could

13 orders. There was no way to control it, all this

12 discharge you for it? 13

14 was out of my control. I just did the orders that 15 were in front of me. If they weren't in the racks,

A. Sure. 14

too.

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16 I couldn't do them. I didn't have a control. 17 Q. As I understand this phone conversation

MR. LINDEN: I have nothing further. 15 Thank you for your time, Mr. Wingo.

18 with Randy Lunt, you called him, and then during the

16 THE WITNESS: Sure. 17 **EXAMINATION**

19 conversation your wife got on the phone and talked

18 BY MS. WEGNER:

20 to Randy Lunt? 21 A. Yes.

Q. To your knowledge, Mr. Wingo, was 19

Q. And this is after Randy Lunt told you, he

20 Mr. LaRocco --

23 was counseling you, he said, just pay attention on 24 your paperwork and do the paperwork properly, and 21 A. LaRocco.

22 Q. Was Mr. LaRocco very friendly with 23 members of management at Copper and Brass?

Yes, he was.

Page 341 1 O. And with whom, to your knowledge, was 1 2 2 Mr. LaRocco friendly with, at Copper and Brass? 3 A. Mark DeMien. They went to football games 3 4 4 together. 5 O. During your deposition testimony today, 5 6 have you been truthful, in response to all the 7 questions that have been asked of you? A. Yes, to the best of my ability. 9 Sometimes the questions were very wordy, and I did 10 try to get through them. I didn't always understand 11 them, because they were 20 to 30 words long and very 11 12 wordy and contradictory. So I tried to answer in 12 13 the best fashion that I could. MS. WEGNER: I have nothing else. 14 Signature will be reserved. 15 MR. LINDEN: Let me put on the record, I'm 16 17 reserving the right to continue the deposition upon, 18 number one, being provided the documents that should 18 19 19 have been produced today, including the journal of 20 employers; also upon my reviewing the record to 21 21 determine the extent of the nonresponsiveness of 22 22 this witness. 23 So again, I reserve the right to seek the 23 24 24 appropriate relief in court.

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         vs.
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   d/b/a COPPER AND BRASS SALES, )
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           Defendant.
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MS. WEGNER: We're not going to agree on that.
2 We're willing to give you any documents that we have
  not produced, pursuant to your request, that are not
4 under objection.
      MR. LINDEN: Well, they were supposed to be
6 here today, and this deposition has been noticed up
   and renoticed on three different occasions, dating
  back a couple of months. So all those documents
9 should have been here today. So I'm kind of
10 perplexed and puzzled why they were not all produced
11 today.
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      THE WITNESS: Well, we turned them all in
13 and --
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      MS. WEGNER: Mr. Wingo, you don't need to say
15 anything else.
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      MR. LINDEN: Off the record.
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